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## Air crash kills 108 off Sicily

PALESTINE, Sicily, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — At least 108 persons perished Saturday when a noisily lit DC-9 plunged into choppy seas and broke up and sank near Palermo.

It was Italy's worst air disaster in six years.

There were scenes of panic and pandemonium on board the Alitalia DC-9 airliner which hit the sea at more than 160 kph minutes before it was due to land at the Sicilian capital's airport at about 0100 local (2400 GMT).

The 129 persons on board, mostly Sicilians returning home for the Christmas holiday, were already strapped to their seats ready for landing. Most were trapped and drowned as water gushed into the smashed fuselage which sank in seconds.

Only 21 survivors, some plucked from the sea unconscious, bleeding and with their clothes in shreds, managed to float and struggle free from the wreckage in the darkness.

Trawlers near the scene, some three kilometers from the shore, rushed to the rescue to pick up dead and survivors.

Navy boats, minesweepers and helicopters searched through the night and by midday some 31 dead had been recovered from the sea, leaving 77 in the fuselage on the seabed.

Officials at Palermo's Punta Raisi Airport, scene of Italy's previous worst disaster in May 1972 when 115 people were killed, said they were baffled by the crash.

The DC-9 pilot, taking 124 passengers on a special holiday flight from Rome to Palermo and Catania, gave no warning that there was any trouble on the twin-engine jet.

He acknowledged instructions from the control tower to make a slight course correction as the plane came in with flaps and undercarriage down, and then the radio link went dead.

The transport ministry set up an official inquiry and divers worked to recover the flight recorder "black box" from the wreck, between 30 and 70 meters under water.

"It was completely unexpected. The crew never had time to give us any warning," one survivor, Italian Francesco Zumbo, said.

He said one of the wings struck the water and then the plane bounced back into the air before plunging into the waves.

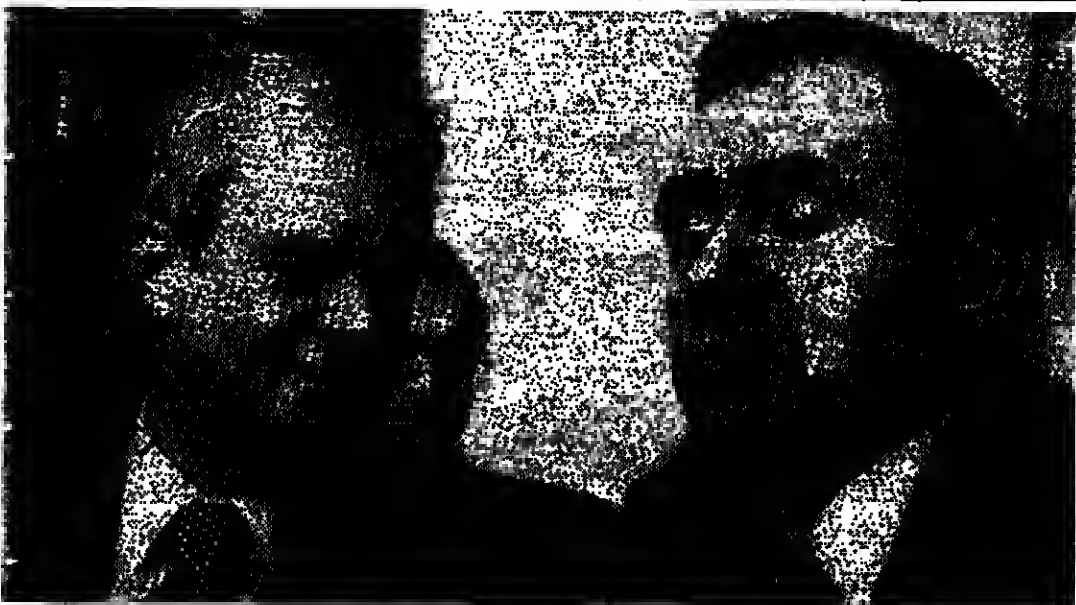
"The plane stayed afloat for several seconds, and the cracked fuselage began to fill up with water."

"I saw someone standing up trying to breathe in a pocket of air between the rising water and the cabin roof, and then I dove in and found an escape hole," Zumbo said.

Another survivor, Giovanni Martorano, told his rescuers that pandemonium broke out when the plane hit the water.

"None of us knew what was happening and there was a terrible crash in the forward section," he said.

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TREATY NEAR: U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko after their Saturday talks in which many of the issues delaying a new SALT treaty were resolved. (Wire photo)

## Differences remain Vance, Gromyko clear 'most' SALT obstacles

GENEVA, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — The United States and the Soviet Union Saturday resolved most of their differences on a new strategic arms limitation pact and agreed to a summit meeting between President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

At the conclusion of more than 18 hours of intense negotiations, U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko made the two announcements in a joint statement.

But Gromyko warned that the remaining issues before an arms pact can be sealed — which include some major and some minor points — must be settled before the summit meeting is fixed.

Vance read the joint statement after a marathon session Saturday which lasted eight hours.

"In the course of our meetings over the past three days Foreign Minister Gromyko and I have essentially reached agreement on most of the questions on which differences have existed," the statement said.

"We will continue our work on those questions that have not yet been resolved through our regular diplomatic channels."

"Both sides will do their best, in order that the preparation of an agreement for signing may be completed in the nearest future," Vance said.

Then Vance volunteered the news about the Soviet-American summit conference.

"We are agreed in principle on a meeting of the heads of our two states. The question of timing of such a meeting will be a subject for careful consideration by both sides."

Gromyko acknowledged that the two ministers had spent some time deciding what to say to the press.

Their statement, though positive in tone, clearly leaves open the possibility of additional hard bargaining and showed some continuing uncertainty on when a summit conference might be held.

U.S. sources have talked about such a meeting in January, and more recently for some date in February.

Gromyko, was asked if the outstanding issues must be completed before the summit conference is scheduled.

He replied curtly: "they must." But he added, "we intend to complete them."

Neither minister described the nature of the unresolved. But Gromyko said: "Some of them are important, some of them are matters of the second category."

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## Sources report

## New settlement policy may doom peace talks

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan is pushing a tough new stand on Jewish settlements in occupied Arab lands, casting a shadow on efforts to revive peace negotiations with Egypt, diplomatic sources said Saturday.

Dayan's scheduled dinner with Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was cancelled because of Vance's delayed arrival from the strategic arms limitation talks in Geneva.

American sources said Vance planned to meet Dayan at 2100 GMT and Khalil an hour later in a bid to revive the stalled Middle East negotiations.

Vance, Dayan and Khalil were scheduled to meet together for breakfast Sunday at a downtown Brussels hotel.

Diplomatic sources said Dayan threw a new element into the negotiations with an uncompromising new stand on Jewish settlements. The sources said Dayan told the foreign ministers of West Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium that Israel intends to build up to 40 new settlements in occupied Arab lands, and expand some already in existence.

Dayan called in Israeli ambassadors from several European countries and told them to prepare public opinion for the settlements policy, the sources said.

On a recent trip to the Middle East, Vance failed to resolve the question of Palestinian autonomy and other issues blocking the signing of the peace treaty.

The main points to be settled are:

- Israel's refusal to accept the end of 1979 as a target date for Palestinian elections.
- Egypt's refusal to exchange ambassadors and restore fully normal relations with Israel until establishment of autonomy for the Palestinians.
- Egypt's proposal that terms of the treaty be subjected to revision after five years.
- Egypt's refusal to allow provisions in the peace treaty to suspend earlier mutual defense treaties with other Arab countries.

Khalil flew into Brussels Friday afternoon but headed straight for his hotel, without making any statement. He was staying at the same hotel where Vance will be accommodated when he arrives from Geneva.

Khalil received Belgian Foreign Minister Henri Simonet who informed him about earlier talks he had with Dayan.

Diplomatic sources said it had become clear from these contacts the Israelis only want "talks about talks" and do not see the Brussels meeting as new negotiations. If successful, this meeting at the most could lead to new negotiations, they said.

Khalil saw three possible solutions to the present deadlock, the said — a discussion on revising the Camp David treaty, a discussion on how the interpretative notes to the treaty should be interpreted, or starting new negotiations, the sources said.

Egypt was in favor of the second solution, with Khalil expressing the view that the United States feels the Egyptian interpretative notes do not introduce any new conditions into the treaty, they said.

Khalil also realizes Israel may be worried about its future oil supplies after its withdrawal from the Sinai and would like explicit commitments from Egypt on this matter.

In Cairo, acting Foreign Minister Butros Ghali said Egypt hoped the Brussels meeting will signal the beginning of a new dialogue. He did not exclude the possibility that the Brussels talks might lead to a new Camp David type summit between Sadat, Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Carter.

Meanwhile in Cairo the magazine "October" quoted President Sadat as saying he would champion the cause of the Arabs in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights, as well as the Palestinians.

## PLO sets conditions for dialogue with U.S.

BEIRUT, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — The Head of the Palestine Liberation Organization Political Department Farouk Kaddoumi has said the PLO will accept dialogue with the U.S. government only "on the highest of levels."

"The dialogue should be with the president of the United States or the secretary of state," Kaddoumi said in an interview published Saturday by the Beirut weekly magazine "Moody Morning."

"We are not prepared to enter into a dialogue with junior officials or mediators," said Kaddoumi.

Kaddoumi was commenting on a statement made to the same magazine during a recent Middle East trip by U.S. Congressman Paul Findley that he expects the U.S.-PLO dialogue to start in 1979.

"I believe Congressman Findley is overoptimistic," said Kaddoumi. "I have seen no change in America's policy... but if there is any American desire to talk to the PLO... it should be on the highest of levels."

He said the PLO would not ask Communist China to use its good offices to "bring us together" after the recent normalization of U.S.-Chinese relations.

Kaddoumi said the PLO would seek to persuade China to oppose the U.S.-sponsored Camp David accord for a Middle East peaceful settlement.

"We do not believe that the U.S.-Chinese rapprochement will lead to Chinese recognition of Israel," Kaddoumi added.

Meanwhile, Abu Jihad, the military commander of the Fateh organization, has said that escalated commando attacks against Israel are the only way to scuttle the Camp David accord.

In an interview with the international edition of the daily "An Nahar" published Saturday Abu Jihad said: "We are always fighting for our cause inside Palestine" but, in apparent reference to commando activities in Lebanon, added "we only fight to defend ourselves outside Palestine."

"The only way to scuttle Camp David is to escalate the struggle against the Zionist enemy and to unite and mobilize all Arab forces in that direction" he said.

## Efforts to form govt. continue

## Senior U.S. oil executive killed in Iran

TEHRAN, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — An American oil executive was gunned down Saturday as he drove to work in southwestern Iran in the first assassination of an American in the country since 1976, U.S. officials reported. His assailants were unknown.

Officials said the killing was "a well-planned ambush," apparently carried out by three persons who had studied the American's daily movements carefully. An Iranian oil official was killed almost simultaneously in the same area, officials said, but they could not say immediately that the cases were linked.

In other Iranian developments Saturday, close to 1,000 high school students surged through the streets of Tehran demanding the overthrow of the Shah after an apparently unsuccessful attempt by the government to reopen schools for the first time in six weeks.

Tension also remained high Saturday near the campus of Tehran University, which has been closed by authorities since September. Youths taunted soldiers guarding university buildings where 100 professors are in the third day of a sit-in demanding the institution's reopening. Elsewhere in the capital business was close to normal.

The U.S. oil executive, who was identified by American officials as Paul Grim, 56, of Colorado, was gunned down by automatic weapons fire as he drove alone to work at about 7 a.m. in the city of Ahwaz, about 630 km southwest of Tehran.

He was acting managing director of the Oil Service Company of Iran (OSCO), a consortium of foreign oil companies that runs Iran's petroleum industry for the state oil monopoly.

Strikes by anti-Shah workers in the Ahwaz area in recent weeks have helped to cripple the Iranian oil industry. George Link, the American managing director of OSCO, whom Grim was replacing, was the victim of a firebomb attack on his limousine in November.

The firebombing apparently was in retaliation for efforts by Link and other foreign specialists to keep the Iranian oil fields operating despite strikes. Sources said Link had been given special security protection after that incident, but it wasn't known if Grim received any protection when he temporarily took Link's place.

Anti-Shah groups warned American residents of Iran last month that they may be killed if they stay here, and more than 5,000 Americans have left the country since serious rioting began in September.

The last Americans to be assassinated here were three employees of Rockwell International Corporation, a major contractor to the Iranian government and military, who were killed Aug. 28, 1976, on their way to work in Teheran.

In another development Gholam Hussein Sadiqi worked furiously Saturday on putting together a "government of honest veterans."

"We can see he's making a serious effort," a politician close to the 73-year-old Sadiqi said Saturday. "How soon he succeeds, depends upon how serious others are to joining him."

Sadiqi, reputed to be a strict disciplinarian with a "spotless character," is trying to form the government to replace the military rule of Gen. Gholamreza Azhari, the Shah's chief of staff.

Politicians named several long forgotten veterans as likely members of Sadiqi's cabinet.

"Here you have a man who has been known all along for his spotless character," a deputy of Iran's parliament said. "What you should expect from him is naturally a government of honest veterans. That's the kind of thing he's hoping to produce."

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## 1/2 million farmers challenge Desai govt.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (R) — Half a million Indian farmers Saturday issued a direct challenge to the government by staging a rally celebrating the 76th birthday of dissident former minister Charan Singh.

The rally diverted attention from the nationwide demonstrations in support of former Premier Indira Gandhi in which 19 people have been killed and about 100,000 arrested since she was jailed by parliament Tuesday.

But Saturday's city center rally, attended by thousands of farmers from all over the country, was clearly intended as a challenge to Prime Minister Morarji Desai — if only because it demonstrated the following enjoyed by Singh.

Desai and Singh fell out earlier this year in a row which culminated in Singh being sacked from his job as home minister.

The rift was sealed in a bitter exchange in parliament Friday in which Singh said he was sacked for demanding a corruption inquiry into Desai's son, Kant.

Delhi was under its tightest security cordon Saturday with 20,000 police and paramilitary personnel, some of them armed with hand grenades and automatic weapons, posted at key points around the city.

As it turned out, the farmers' rally was remarkably disciplined, with no hints of violence.

The rally was seen as something of an anti-climax, with less than half the expected numbers turning out and Singh saying he had no plans to quit the ruling party at the present time.

Reports Saturday indicated that the agitation over Mrs. Gandhi's arrest was gradually subsiding.

Demonstrations were held in many cities and effigies of Desai were burnt, but no serious incident of violence was reported.

Mrs. Gandhi, who has also been expelled from parliament, is to be freed after the lower house, which was adjourned Saturday, is prorogued by President Sadiya Reddy.

The announcement of proroguing the house is expected in the next three or four days. Singh has denied that his confrontation with the prime minister in parliament Friday meant that he was moving closer to Mrs. Gandhi, although they share similar views on several issues.

Mrs. Gandhi sent him a bouquet of flowers to mark his birthday and one of her closest supporters, the Karnata (Continued on back page)

## Gunmen fire on Syrian position in West Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — Unidentified gunmen Saturday fired on a Syrian checkpoint in West Beirut killing one Lebanese civilian and injuring several Syrians, police sources said.

Meanwhile a joint Lebanese-Syrian military investigating team Saturday questioned two suspects arrested in connection with a bomb attack on a Syrian transport truck Friday.

Police sources said at least one soldier was killed and four others wounded in the mysterious, remote-controlled blast which damaged the truck on the main Beirut-Damascus highway east of the capital.

Friday's incident coincided with a sniper attack by rightist militiamen on a Syrian army checkpoint in Beirut's eastern suburb of Sin el Fil.

Despite the continued tension between the militiamen and the Syrian troops of the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) responsibility for Friday's attack was claimed by a previously unheard-of group calling itself the "Movement of Lebanese free will."

In a statement distributed in Paris, the group said the attack was a warning to the Syrians that they are "no longer secure on Lebanese soil."

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## Realtors exceeding fee limits face stiff fine, loss of license

RIYADH, Dec. 23 (SPA)—Profiteering real estate agents in Saudi Arabia face stiff penalties, Deputy Minister of Commerce Yusuf Al-Hamdan said here Saturday.

Agents who exceed the legal brokerage fee of 2.5 per cent or who artificially inflate the value of the transaction may be fined up to SR25,000, Hamdan said. In addition, their

premises may be closed for one year or their operating permit revoked, he said. They will also be obliged to pay back the excess charges to purchasers or tenants.

The ministry is conducting an inquiry into the number of agents now operating in the Kingdom and into charges that agents deliberately misrepresent the purchase price or

rent of buildings and apartments in order to increase their own commission, Hamdan said.

Meanwhile in Jeddah, Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi was quoted as saying Saturday that landlords of vacant residential buildings may be compelled to rent them out or see the state purchase them compulsorily.

There are about 50,000 residential units now lying empty in the city, "Al-Medina" reported the mayor as saying.

Although the supply of housing in Jeddah now exceeds demand, owners of new buildings are demanding exorbitant rents beyond the reach of most Saudis, Farisi said.

One solution would be for the state to purchase all new housing that is empty and allot apartments to the public at reasonable rents, the mayor added.

Meanwhile, Farisi said that the municipality intends to build an ornamental tower on the coast in Ruwais at an estimated cost of SR 100 million, "Al-Bilad" reported Saturday.

Studies have been completed for the tower which will be constructed on a site surrounded by water on three sides, with recreation spots all round to create an attractive environment.

## Vast palace in Riyadh to be become girls' school



KING'S UNCLE: The late Prince Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman, owner of the Salam Palace in Riyadh.

RIYADH, Dec. 23 (SPA)—The large palace and garden in the center of Riyadh known as the Qasr Al-Salam (palace of peace) has been allocated by Royal Decree for use as a girls' school, the Directorate-General of Women's Education said here Saturday.

The palace and garden cover a 300,000 square meter site in the center of the capital bounded on four sides by main roads. The palace was built by the late Prince Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman Al-Saud, an uncle to King Khalid.

Considerable repair and restoration work is needed before the girls can move in, the directorate general said.

Modern school buildings will be erected in vacant spaces on the site but height restrictions will be observed and none of the Salam's noble palm trees will be damaged or cut down, it said.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education announced progress in the national literacy drive in the past few years.

The ministry said there are now 1,931 schools in the Kingdom for adult education and literacy courses, with 5,124 classes, 72,225 students, 8,075 teachers and 1,955 employees.

The 1978-1979 state budget provides for the opening of 205 new schools with 238 classes, 7,105 students, 445 teachers and 205 employees.

## Twenty injured in camel smash

JEDDAH, Dec. 23—Twenty people were injured, none seriously, when a Mercedes truck collided with a camel on the Jeddah to Medina road Friday, "Okaz" reported Saturday.

The truck driver was speeding at night when he saw a stray camel standing in the way, too frightened to move. The driver lost control and hit the beast who was thrown into the air and killed.

The truck somersaulted several times and landed some way from the road. But all its passengers escaped nearly unscathed including the driver who had to be cut out from under the steering wheel.



MOROCCO PRINCE: Morocco's Prince Abdullah, brother of King Hassan II being greeted by Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz on arrival in Jeddah Friday evening. Prince Abdullah will perform the Umrah.

## At Riyadh meeting

## Arab states view satellite program

RIYADH, Dec. 23 — Representatives of seven Arab countries began meetings here Saturday to discuss the launching of two satellites to improve and expand communication links between Arab countries, SPA reported.

During its week-long session, the Arab Satellite Communications Organization will also discuss the construction of a permanent headquarters in Riyadh on land which has been donated by the Saudi government.

telephone and television messages between Arab countries. They will be linked to ground satellite stations to be constructed at low cost in Arab countries.

The Kingdom now has two such stations — at Taif and Riyadh — and a third is planned in Riyadh by the launching of the first satellite in 1981. Saudi Post, Telephone and Telegraph Minister Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal said earlier this year.

agreement with Comsat General Corp., a subsidiary of Communications Satellite Corp. of the United States for the provision of technical consultancy services. The contract, believed to be worth over \$15 million, calls for design of the satellite system, monitoring of the construction of the spacecraft and ground facilities and launch assistance.

## Local Briefs

●RIYADH, (SPA)—Nineteen Public Security officers were decorated by Royal Decree Saturday in appreciation of their services during the pilgrimage.

●RIYADH, (SPA)—Muhammad Ould Ahmad Louli, a member of the National Salvation Committee and minister of censorship and planning of Mauritania, arrived here Saturday on a Gulf tour. He will hand a message to King Khalid from Mauritania's President Mustafa Muhammad Ould Salek.

●JEDDAH, (SPA)—Prince Abdullah, the brother of King Hassan II of Morocco, arrived here Saturday evening to per-

## Report says 107 Saudi-funded works carried out in N. Yemen

SANAA, Dec. 23 (SPA)—A total of 107 projects costing SR212.7 million have been completed in North Yemen under the Saudi development aid program, the Saudi Projects Bureau here has said.

In its annual report for 1978 published Saturday, the bureau said that a further 14 schemes worth SR28.9 million were under execution. The bureau was created under the Saudi-Yemeni Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation.

Commitments have been made on 44 other projects which have not been put out to contract, the report said.

The Saudi-aided projects include schools, teacher training institutes, mosques, hospitals, roads, a weather station and observatory and wells. Forty-one schools and institutes have been opened and furnished, eight clinics built and 17 mosques and 36 wells either built or repaired.

The report also noted the 945 kilometers of roads to be financed by the Saudi Fund for Development, as well as power, water, sewage and silo projects.

Meanwhile, North Yemen's Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Ibrahim Al-Kabis Saturday presided over a meeting of the Yemeni side of a

technical committee, of the joint commission to discuss a working paper for the committee's forthcoming session. The group reviewed certain of the Saudi projects being carried out in different regions of Yemen.

The participants also studied some new projects to be submitted to the joint commission's next meeting in Riyadh within the next three months.

## Korean firm wins sewage contract

JEDDAH, Dec. 23 — A South Korean company has won the SR 94.7 million contract for a complete sewage and water drainage network in Dammam, the weekly Saudi Economic Survey reported Saturday. The contract was signed by Prince Majed minister of municipal and rural affairs with Nam Keang Construction Company Limited of South Korea.

The contract also calls for construction of a sewage treatment plant in Sibat, near Dammam, within a period of 30 months.

SPA adds: Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algaosbi Saturday has signed a SR 7.3 million contract with a local company to set up a network of power transmission and distribution lines in seven villages in Qassim.

The villages to be covered by the contract are Bekeriah, Khabra, Sahabio, Halafiah, Thabiah, Riyadh Al-Khabra, Qario, and Dalfiah.

Mahmoud Taybah, governor of the General Electricity Organization said, the contract is to be executed within a period of five months and includes the laying of 75 kilometers of high voltage cables and 200 kilometers of medium voltage line, with connections for 4,000 consumers.

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## Tito receives message from Bakr on Mideast

BELGRADE, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — Yugoslav President Tito has received a message from the Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan-Bakr dealing with the latest Middle East development, officials said here.

The message was delivered by the Iraqi Minister of Public Works and Housing Yaha Yasin Ramadan, at President Tito's northern Adriatic island resort of Brioni.

The minister told the Yugoslav leader that Arab countries wished to strengthen their unity as an essential factor to achieving a just and complete solution of the Middle East crisis, the officials said.

## Jordan, PLO to resume dialogue

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (R) — The dialogue between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) will be resumed here next month, "al-Jazeera" newspaper reported Saturday.

It quoted Mahmoud Abbas, member of Fateh central command, as saying that the PLO delegation would be led by the head of the Political Department, Farouk Kaddoumi, and the talks would deal with the coordination of political issues. The first round of talks centered on two sides which centered on future relations was held here last month. The PLO delegation was headed by the Palestine National Council speaker Khaled al-Fahoum.

A committee representing both sides held talks here last week on how to channel their support to the Israeli occupied areas.

tion of the Middle East crisis, the officials said.

Ramadan informed Tito about results of the Arab summit meeting in Baghdad, stressing that it represented the expression of the desire of participating countries to strengthen their unity as an essential factor for finding a just and global solution of the Middle East crisis.

Tito, according to the official news agency Tanjug, restated the Yugoslav stand that for a just solution of the Middle East crisis Israel must withdraw from all Arab territories occupied in 1967, recognize the national rights of Palestinians, including their right to form a country of their own, recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as legal representative of the Palestinian people and that conditions should be secured to all countries and peoples of the region to live and develop in freedom and peace.

Tanjug said that Tito underlined that the chief pre-condition for achievement of a just solution is Arab unity with Arabs relying on their own forces.

## Vice-president of Uganda leaves Egyptian hospital

CAIRO, Dec. 23 (R) — Uganda Vice-President Mustafa Adrisi has left for home after spending eight months in hospital here recovering from multiple leg fractures following a car accident in Uganda, an embassy spokesman said Saturday.

## Somalia denounces Soviet aid to Ethiopia

CAIRO, Dec. 23 (AP) — Somalia's defense minister, Ali Samantar, denounced the Soviet Union for backing Ethiopia in its violent acts against Somalia, and pledged his country would continue to fight back.

In an interview with the Middle East News Agency released here Saturday, the minister said, "Cuban mercenaries and Soviet backed Ethiopian troops are continuing their raids on Somali cities and villages."

He added that "Somalia will continue its efforts against Soviet backed Ethiopia to regain its Ethiopian occupied land."

Samantar was here on a five-day visit during which he held talks with Egypt's defense minister, Gen. Kamel Hassan Ali for military assistance. He left Friday.

## South Yemen vote for new people's council

ADEN, Dec. 23 (R) — More than 90 per cent of South Yemen's voters took part in the country's first general election last week to choose deputies for the Supreme People's Council, an official statement said.

The statement, issued by President Ali Nasser Muhammad, said the 111 successful candidates included six women and some independents.

Informed sources said most of the deputies elected were members of the ruling Yemeni Socialist Party while only a handful of neo-party members were successful.

The council's first task will be to elect a new president and presidential council to replace the five-man team now in power, and to choose a new prime minister and cabinet, officials said.

South Yemen has been ruled by a coalition of left-wing groups headed by the National Liberation Front since it gained independence from Britain in 1967.

## Court reserves judgment Hearings in Bhutto case concluded

RAWALPINDI, Dec. 23 (AP) — The Pakistani Supreme Court Saturday concluded hearings and reserved judgement on appeals of the death sentence filed on behalf of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and four officials of the federal security force.

The death sentences were



Ali Bhutto

handed down by the Lahore High Court after the five were tried for the murder of Nawab Mohammad Ahmad Khan in November, 1974.

Chief Justice Anwarul Haque observed that after a prolonged discussion among the judges and consideration of arguments the court reached the conclusion that there was no justification for recalling the witnesses for further cross-examination, as requested by the appellants.

The court said that they were already thoroughly examined by the Lahore High Court. The chief justice also observed that it was a difficult case because of many angles involved.

The court noted that volumes of material were submitted and it would take some time to write the judgment.

The supreme court did not set a date or indicate when the

verdict on Bhutto's appeal would be handed down. It was believed by legal experts here that the judgment might be announced by the middle of January at the earliest.

Pakistan's army ruler, Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq said he will abide by the judgment of the seven-member supreme court in the seven-month appeal — the longest such action in the nation's history.

Bhutto, president and then prime minister until his ouster in a military coup last year, has been expected to await the supreme court's decision in a death cell at Rawalpindi district jail, around the corner from the mansion he occupied as premier.

In its final actions Saturday the supreme court overruled a defense request to call several witnesses, including former Foreign Minister Aziz Ahmad and former army chief Gen. Tikka Khan, and to recall three witnesses.

The defense argued that it had not been provided with relevant material by the prosecution before Bhutto's trial.

Bhutto still faces several other charges, including illegal detention, misconduct and abuse of his powers during his five-and-a-half years as president and premier.

Bhutto, appearing before the supreme court earlier this week in his bid to escape the gallows, charged that the case against him was based on a tissue of lies.

He attacked the prosecution story of a conspiracy to use the paramilitary federal security force, since disbanded, to stage the ambush.

The defense case centered on the credibility of the former head of the force, Masood Mahmood, who turned state's evidence and was pardoned.

The defense also questioned the evidence of the ambush in

self claiming it was not supported by ballistics experts, and urged the court to annul the high court trial because of alleged bias by the judges against Bhutto.

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## 31 flown home after Zambia raid

## Rhodesians free blacks held by guerrillas

ON THE BANKS OF THE ZAMBESI RIVER, Rhodesia, Dec. 23 (R) — Singing joyfully, an exuberant group of black Rhodesians flew into a remote bush airstrip here in northern Rhodesia saying they had been freed by Rhodesian troops from a black guerrilla prison camp deep inside Zambia.

Reporters watched as three aircraft of the Rhodesian Air Force landed in formation and unloaded 31 blacks, described as troops and civilians captured by guerrillas. A security forces officer said 31 men had been rescued in all.

"This is our Christmas present to the nation," said a white army officer who said he had just returned with the freed prisoners from Zambia.

Military headquarters in Salisbury announced that a series of ground and air attacks on Patriotic Front guerrilla camps inside Zambia had been staged Friday.

In Lusaka, a government newspaper, the "Zambia Daily Mail," said Saturday that 10 people were killed in a Rhodesian raid on a military training base at Kabwe, deep inside Zambia, but there was still no official word on the 31 people apparently freed.

The Rhodesian blacks, who met reporters at an army camp on the southern bank of the

Zambesi River border between Rhodesia and Zambia, came from a prison complex at one camp, a communiqué said.

White officers said the men had been freed from Mhoroma prison camp about 140 km inside Zambia due north from the border and east of the capital of Lusaka. One of the men had been wounded and

was taken by helicopter to hospital.

The camp was run by the Zimbabwe Peoples' Revolutionary Army (ZIPRA) of Joshua Nkomo, they said.

The Rhodesians destroyed the camp, said to have held more than 200 prisoners — described as recalcitrant guerrillas, captured Rhodesian

troops and blacks forced to join the guerrillas against their will.

The crack Rhodesian troops, black and white, airlifted the prisoners out of the camp to Rhodesia.

They landed at Mana Pools Airstrip in Rhodesia's northern tip.

A security force officer said the 31 included six members of the security forces captured by guerrillas, four former policemen and civilians taken into Zambia for training.

"The raid was launched to rescue as many as we could," he said. The remainder of the 200 had apparently scattered into the countryside from the smashed camp.

The men sang as they were driven into the military base.

"We were singing that we are happy to be home," said one with a huge smile.

In the limited time available, reporters could not talk individually to all the men, but they questioned at random said they had been held as prisoners. Asked whether they were happy to be in Rhodesia, they all chorused "yes."

One said he had been checked by Cuban personnel at a base in Zambia, and another that he had spent months training in Cuba.

Onias Moto, 21, said he was travelling through Botswana in August last year on his way to the United States to study at the Florida Institute of

Technology and Aeronautics in Miami when he was abducted by guerrillas and taken to Zambia.

After a few weeks he was sent to Cuba — aboard a ship with Cuban troops from the Cabinda enclave in Angola — to study agriculture, he said.

He spent seven months in Havana and attempted to persuade British diplomats there to help him escape to the United States. He added that this was discovered by the Cubans and he was sent back to Zambia via Angola.

He said the Cubans were training 30 ZIPRA personnel when he was in Havana, 20 of them in agricultural methods and 30 as soldiers.

"As far as ZIPRA was concerned I had committed an act of indiscipline so I was sent to the prison camp last April," Moto said.

He was reading in the camp library Friday when the Rhodesians struck "with a terrible sound of shooting."

"I hid under a table and then ran to an underground shelter," he said. "I then discovered white men and they asked me to go with them."

The prisoners had been guarded by 30 ZIPRA guerrillas. Neither he nor others in the group could say how many casualties had been caused by the raid.

"I shall be going home for Christmas," he said. "I'm glad — so very, very glad."



PICKETS: Journalists of the Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, are expected to continue their strike into the New Year. They are demanding a higher pay increase than the approximate 8.9 per cent rise offered. Another British strike, that at the BBC, ended at midnight Friday.

## As strike ends

## BBC returns to full broadcasts

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP) — A strike that shut down the British Broadcasting Corporation's two television channels and curtailed radio broadcasts at home and to the world ended at midnight Friday after a government agency granted 26,000 employees a 12 1/2 per cent pay rise.

The eight-hour strike was called off after the govern-

ment's Central Arbitration Committee agreed to rises that would bring BBC employees to parity with more highly-paid commercial radio and television workers.

"We are obviously delighted with the news of the award," said Ian Trethowan, director-general of the BBC.

The strike was called by the 14,000-member Association

of Broadcasting Staffs because of the pay demands and suspension of 11 film processors who refused to handle non-union film earlier in the week.

The BBC said the employees will be reinstated.

The rise was granted in spite of the government's castigation of the BBC earlier Friday for offering employees an eight per cent increase.

Both channels broadcast a message advising viewers they were unable to transmit during the strike, the first in the 56-year history of the BBC.

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The BBC has complained that fees are too low, but the Labor government opposes any increase as part of a campaign to keep the inflation rate below 10 per cent.

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## Stranded on freighter

## Hong Kong to turn away 2,700 boat people

HONG KONG, Dec. 23 (AP) — The Hong Kong government Saturday sent a medical team aboard the Taiwanese-registered Huey Fong, crammed with more than 2,700 Vietnamese refugees, but reiterated its stand that they will not be permitted to land.

The decision to send a medical team aboard the 2,290-ton freighter was reached after the ship's master said that about 20 of the refugees were in urgent need of medical attention.

Discussions were held aboard the Royal Navy ship HMS Wasperton after the Panamanian-registered Huey Fong was refused permission to enter Hong Kong waters. The team of doctors was then transferred to the freighter by launch.

The team of government doctors was flown to the Wasperton by helicopter and then transferred to the refugee ship by a launch. It was not immediately known how many doctors were in the team or if it included doctors from the British forces here.

The Huey Fong was anchored one mile outside Hong

Kong's maritime limit near outlying island and was guarded by the Wasperton and three marine launches.

Reporters were not allowed closer than 400 yards from the Huey Fong but were able to see the refugees shouting and waving banners. It was too far away to hear what they were saying.

According to the government, the master of the ship told the government he had sufficient water, with rationing, for two days but was running short of food.

The government would supply the vessel with sufficient food and water early Sunday to enable it to continue its journey.

But there was no word from Captain Shu Wen Shin on whether he intends to leave Hong Kong with the refugees. It was not known how they were picked up.

The ship was en route from Bangkok to Kaohsiung, Taiwan, when its captain contacted the Hong Kong Marine Department on Dec. 19 for permission to enter Hong Kong. Permission was refused be-

cause the Huey Fong was not due to land at the colony.

In a terse statement, the government said Hong Kong has "scrupulously observed the first part of call principle in dealing with refugees from Vietnam. It is vital to continue to do so if the refugee

problem is to be dealt with in a humane and rational manner."

With the flood of legal and illegal immigrants from China and more than 6,500 Vietnamese refugees so far this year, this congested colony is reluctant to take in any more.

Chinese, by the tens of thousands,  
pour into Peking to seek clemency

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (AP) — Tens of thousands of Chinese are streaming into Peking from across the country demanding rehabilitation from false charges laid under the influence of the purged "Gang of Four," the Kyodo news service reported Saturday.

In a dispatch from the Chinese capital, Kyodo said many of the Chinese from provincial areas were reportedly prosecuted on false political charges and fired from their jobs during the years the Gang of Four was influential.

Led by the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung's widow, Chiang Ching the Gang of Four was

ousted in power struggles after Mao's death in September 1976.

Kyodo said some of the Chinese flocking to Peking failed to find lodgings and have been spending their nights in front of railway stations or under foot-bridges and "some are subsisting by begging."

The report did not say when they started arriving or whether they came en masse.

Kyodo said a poster pasted on the wall of the building housing the official Communist Party paper "The People's Daily" accused the paper of failing to take up their appeal and extend help to them.

"The authorities seem to take a serious view of the situation," the agency added.

"The poster said that the people are hanging around Peking streets, begging for food and making trouble by seeking free rides."

"The poster deplored the fact that Peking citizens do not give even food to them



Chiang Ching

for fear of being involved in troubles," Kyodo reported.

So far 90 wall posters have appeared, it said. "When the provincial people see foreign correspondents at Democracy Wall, they often ask them to help forward their appeal to Vice-Chairman Teng Hsiao-ping," Kyodo quoted sources as saying.

Romania snubs Moscow  
with call for arms freeze

BUCHAREST, Dec. 23 (AP) — Irking the Soviets twice in a day, Romania on Friday called for a demilitarized zone between the North Atlantic Alliance and the Warsaw Pact and for a freeze in military expenditures, troops and armaments at 1978 levels.

Earlier Friday, the Romanian Communist Party newspaper "Scinteia," without mentioning the Soviet Union by name, said to force the will of one party on other Communist parties would violate decisions of the 1976 all-European Communist conference.

In a second international show of its defiant independence inside the Soviet bloc, Romania called for the freeze and the demilitarized zone. There was no word on which areas that zone should include.

The call was made by the Romanian Grand National Assembly in a session marking the 60th anniversary of an independent Romania.

A statement published abroad by the official news agency "Agerpres" said "... the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania submits to the parliaments and governments of the world the proposal to freeze military expenditures, armed forces and armaments at the

1978 levels and to pass to a long-range disarmament program."

It said this would lead to "a world without weapons and without wars."

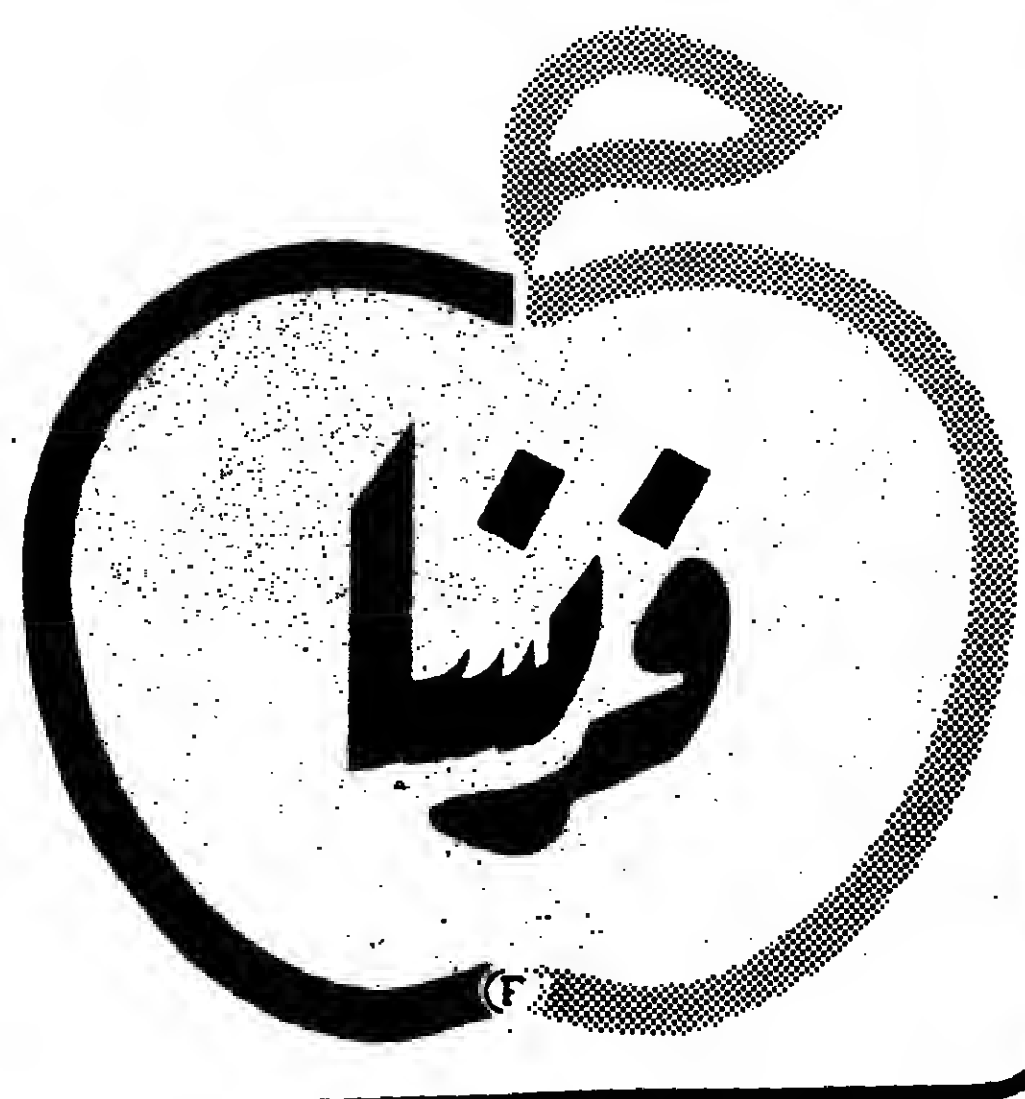
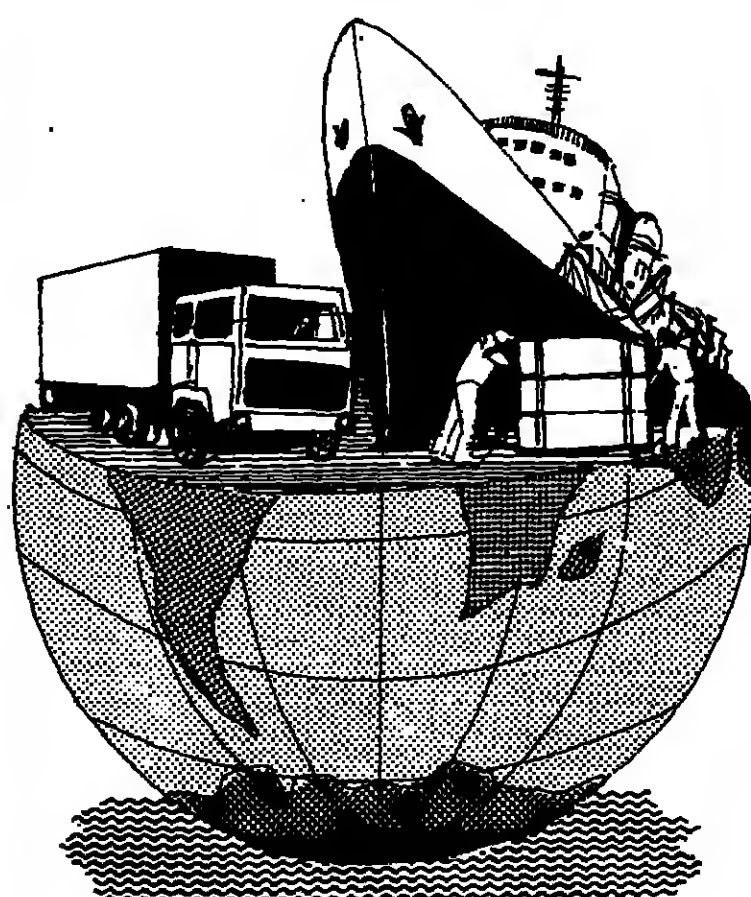
First newsmen  
from America  
visit Cambodia

BANGKOK, Dec. 23 (AP) — The first group of American journalists to visit Communist Cambodia last Tuesday toured southern provinces and visited the strategic port of Kompong Som, Radio Phnom Penh reported Saturday.

Elizabeth Becker of the "Washington Post," Richard Dudman of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" and Prof. Malcolm Caldwell from Britain arrived in Phnom Penh Dec. 9 for what was described as a "friendly visit" granted by the Cambodian government.

Vietnam last week accused China of supplying thousands of Chinese advisers and tens of thousands of tons of war supplies to Cambodia through Kompong Som.

The broadcast said that authorities in the southern region gave the journalists a warm welcome and provided them with all facilities.

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## Guyana jury says Jones was murdered at Temple

MATTHEWS RIDGE, Guyana, Dec. 23 (AP) — A Guyanese coroner's inquest has ruled that the Rev. Jim Jones and others were "criminally responsible" for the deaths of 910 persons at the Peoples Temple commune of Jonestown and that Jones was murdered.

The jury of four men and one woman decided Friday only one culprit committed suicide — Ann Moore, Jones' personal nurse.

### Attorneys ponder future of 17-year-old hijacker

BELLEVILLE, Ill. Dec. 23 (AP) — Teenaged Robyn Oswald, described as a "calm, collected young lady," is waiting in jail while lawyers meet to decide if she should be tried as a juvenile or as an adult in connection with the hijacking of a Trans World Airlines jet Thursday.

U.S. attorney James Burgess of the Eastern District of Illinois said it must also be deter-

The initial jury finding said Jones, whose body was found with a bullet wound in the head, committed suicide. But after a tirade by the magistrate in charge, Haroon Bacchus, the jury concluded he was killed by "some person or persons unknown."

The jury's finding, coming on the sixth day of the hearing that began Dec. 13, closes the only official Guyanese inquiry into the deaths at Jonestown. Another inquiry is under way into the deaths of U.S. Congressman Leo J. Ryan and four other persons killed on an airstrip outside Jonestown earlier that day. Ryan

was investigating the cult.

"I would ask you to say Jim Jones and his associates, which would include his medical team, murdered those persons," Bacchus said in his 40-minute summation.

"You give people poison and don't know they're going to die," Bacchus said.

When the jury filed back into the courtroom after being sequestered 18 minutes, Graham rose and said, "James Warren Jones died by suicide."

"What evidence do you have to support suicide?" Bacchus showed, rising to his feet with the prosecutor.

Bacchus said government pathologist Dr. Leslie Mootoo stated that Jones was shot at close range in the side of the head, but that the gun was found 20 yards away. He said this was inconsistent with the jury's finding and suggested more deliberation.

The jury, drawn from residents of this tiny jungle village 150 miles northwest of Georgetown, near Jonestown, trudged back to the jury room. They filed out 11 minutes later and Graham announced: "Some person or persons unknown is clearly responsible for the deaths of James Warren Jones."



Jimmy Carter

## Angry farmers flock to Carter's hometown

PLAINS, Ga. Dec. 23 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter, home in Plains for Christmas, found Main Street choked with the tractors of angry farmers and plans laid for a protest against his China policies.

When the Carter family arrived by plane Friday at Fort Benning, Ga., he told the welcoming high school band and a large delegation of local officials and townspeople, "It al-

ways feels good to be home."

But when his motorcade arrived at Plains, it swung around the northern fringe of the little southwest Georgia town to avoid the tractors and protestors blocking a highway running through the middle of town.

Four men were charged with obstructing law enforcement officers during the protest which drew as many as 400 tractors and 1,000 persons, Plains Police Chief James McClung said.

Citizens of Taiwan who oppose the Carter plan to cancel the mutual defense treaty between their country and the United States were to rally Saturday near the site of a \$25,000 flower garden given to Plains earlier this year by its "sister city" of Kaosiung, a Taiwanese city of more than one million people.

## Eight corpses spark Chicago murder hunt

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (R) —

Police have dug up eight decomposed bodies in a ranch-style house outside Chicago and charged its owner with murder.

They said as many as 32 bodies could be coaxed in one of the biggest mass murders known in the United States.

The man charged was builder John Gacy, who neighbors said liked to dress up as a clown and entertain children.

Police swarmed through his home in the Chicago suburb of Norridge looking for bodies. Police sources said the de-

composing corpses were found after they began questioning Gacy about a youth of 15 who disappeared on Dec. 11.

He has been charged with the boy's murder.

"We are going to take the house apart and we can't be sure how many murder victims we are going to find," a detective said. "There could be as many as 32 bodies, even more."

Gacy's second wife Carole, who divorced him last year, said in a television interview Friday night: "This is something I would never even think of him doing."

## The World

### Death penalty abolished in Spain

MADRID, Dec. 23 (R) — Spain Saturday abolished the death penalty except for military crimes committed in time of war. A decree modified the penal code, changing the maximum punishment to 30 years' imprisonment. The last executions in Spain took place on Sept. 27, 1975, when two Basque and three other urban guerrillas were shot by firing squads.

### 100 die in Chinese train collision

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (AP) — Two Chinese trains collided last Monday in Chengchow, Hunan province, killing about 100 passengers and injuring 200 more, Japan's Kyodo news service reported Saturday, quoting informed sources in Peking.

### British ship attacked in Colombia

BOGOTA, Dec. 23 (AP) — Pirates attacked a British-registered ship Friday in the Colombian port of Buenaventura, and the police killed several of the attackers and drove off others, a Bogota radio station quoted Buenaventura port authorities as saying.

### Argentina to release 40 detainees

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 23 (AP) — The military government has said it was paroling 40 political prisoners, sending four home from jail under house arrest and allowing 16 to leave the country.

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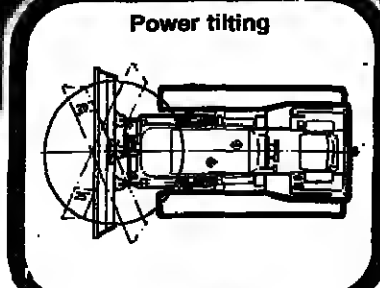
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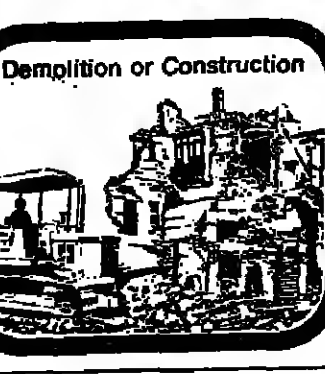
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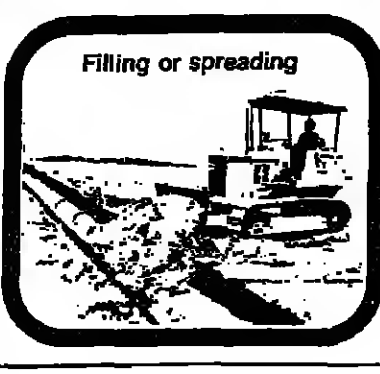
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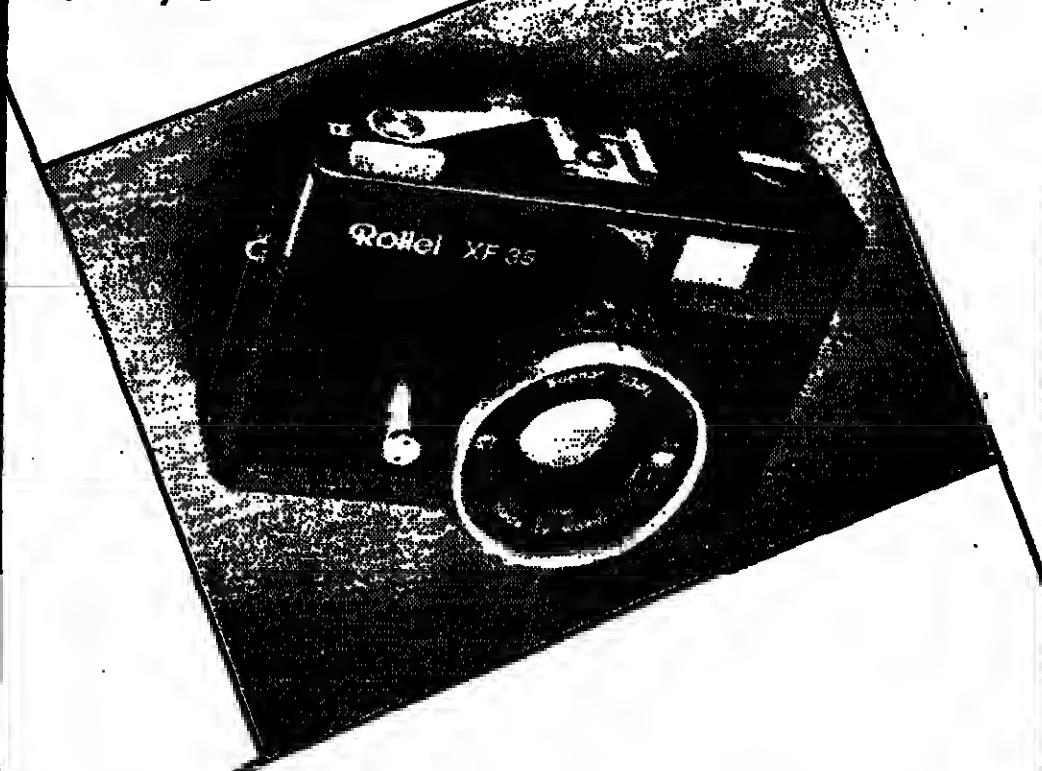


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## LAST SHOT?

The Brussels meeting arranged by the U.S. to get the bogged down Middle East peace process moving again appears to be a last ditch effort by the American administration to salvage one of its prime foreign policy objectives.

But the Carter administration has taken a very low key and hesitant attitude to the new round. Absent are the gleaming White House statements and promises of "imminent" breakthroughs, which gives us reason to believe that the U.S. is now probably as uncertain of the result as Arab countries are. As committed as Mr. Carter is to Middle East peace, he has probably realized that the present approach is doubtful, and that some other strategy is needed.

What are the alternatives?

To abandon its Middle East peace role altogether would do considerable damage to the image of the Carter administration both at home and abroad. Applying pressures or sanctions against Israel would be another dead-end for domestic political considerations with Carter apparently set to contest the 1980 presidential battle. That apparently brings us back to the start — to the Geneva conference. In recent weeks there has been a growing belief in the Arab world that if peace is possible, given the present constraints, Geneva is a viable proposition. The move towards Geneva is being spearheaded by King Hussein who has recently concluded a European tour to sell the idea to Common Market and Vatican leaders, in the hope that they will persuade the U.S. to give Geneva another chance. The reversals the peace process has suffered since President Sadat launched his peace initiative last year give the Geneva advocates a valuable sales pitch.

Critics of the Geneva conference have argued that it will bring back the Russians to the Middle East arena — an assumption that is probably true. But Soviet influence in some Arab countries is a regrettable fact that has to be contended with, but not ignored. Over the past two decades the Soviets have played an active, if not welcome, role in the shaping of the area's political map, and there is no sign that the Kremlin is willing to take a back seat as Mr. Carter experiments with peace.

To suggest that Geneva will provide the magic cure, is simplistic at best. But under the circumstances it seems to be the only remaining alternative that would take into account all the political variables in the area. For Egypt and the U.S., Geneva need not necessarily be viewed as a defeat for their diplomacy. In the final analysis the objective is to bring peace to a volatile region of the world, and not diplomatic upmanship.

## Carter's battles

By William Scally  
WASHINGTON—

President Carter's momentous year of foreign diplomacy is unlikely to secure him an easy ride when Congress returns to work on Jan. 15.

With battle lines already drawn on the two big issues the impending arms treaty with the Soviet Union and the "guns or butter" argument over America's spending priorities—the president faces anger from conservatives, moderates and liberals.

One of the first major hurdles confronting the administration is the fight to win the two thirds Senate majority needed to ratify a new strategic limitation (SALT) pact with the Soviet Union.

The treaty is expected to reach the Senate early in the new year, but conservatives—still smarting over Carter's Panama Canal Treaty under which the canal will be returned to Panama by the end of the century—have been campaigning hard against SALT for months.

The conservatives accuse the administration of being too soft on national security matters.

President Carter also upset many Congress members when he announced on Dec. 15 that the United States will establish diplomatic relations with China on Jan. 1.

Hardline conservatives opposed to relations with Peking were outraged and moderates who supported the new diplomatic ties were angry over

the planned termination of America's mutual defense treaty with Taiwan.

There were also widespread objections to the suddenness of the announcement. The Senate voted overwhelmingly to call for prior consultation on changing the Taiwan treaty.

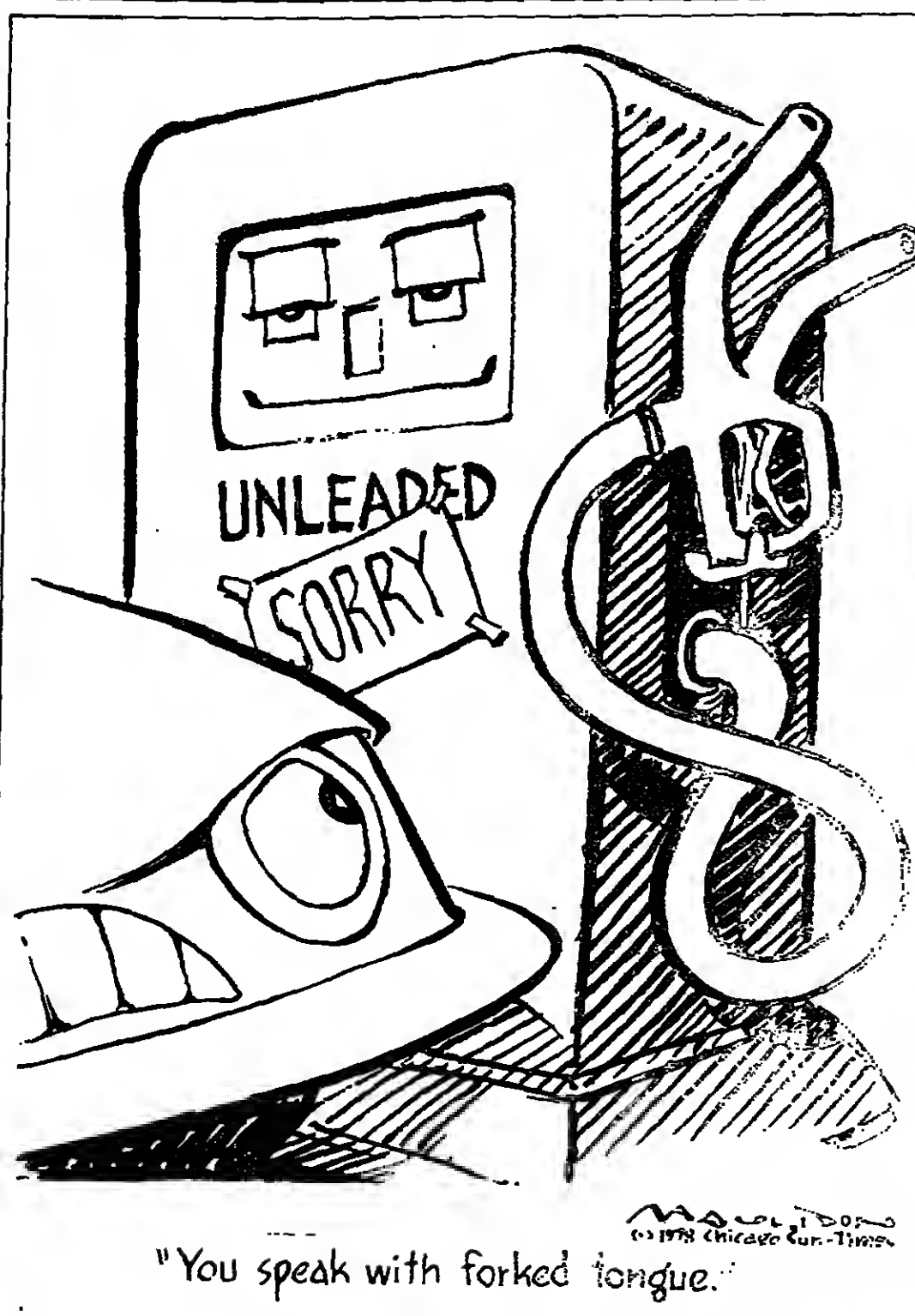
Some members claim that congressional approval is required to wind the Taiwan treaty, but it is believed this argument probably will be settled in court.

In addition to securing a new era of relations with China and over seeing the SALT talks, President Carter has also spent 1978 fostering peace between Egypt and Israel.

But some Congress members are angry over what they see as "unreasonable" U.S. pressure on Israel in recent weeks and the Jewish lobby is expected to be in good voice as the new Congress gets underway.

In the guns or butter (defense and social welfare) debate Carter will find himself up against the formidable figure of Senator Edward Kennedy, whose insistence on concentrating on social programs rather than increased defense spending has already caused a split in the president's Democratic Party.

Senator Kennedy recently received an enthusiastic reception from a party convention, which renewed speculation about a possible presidential race, but it is not clear how much support he will receive in Congress. (R)



## Diplomatic life in Taiwan

By George McArthur  
TAIPEI—

The American embassy will officially cease to exist in Taipei on Jan. 1, but it will live on in the minds of taxi drivers, in a manifestation of one of the subtleties of diplomatic life in Taiwan.

As more nations break relations with the Republic of China, their embassies don't die, they just fade away — and turn right up again under assumed names.

Tell a taxi driver to take you to the Japanese embassy, for example. Although that embassy ceased to exist more than a year ago, the driver will not hesitatingly deliver you to a building called the Interchange Association.

It is officially listed as a non-profit organization — an oriental drollery. Japan does \$5 billion worth of business annually in Taiwan, and the Interchange Association is where it is done.

You can also get a visa for Japan there. The Japanese staff — on leave of absence from Japanese government ministries — makes you wait three days. They explain that they have to send your passport to the nearest Japanese diplomatic facility, which is one hour by air from Hong Kong. But everyone knows the visa stamp is in the back room.

That is the way it is done on Taiwan. Nations officially depart, and remain at the same time.

The Spanish do it poetically through the Cervantes Society, the Germans through a cultural front known as the Deutsche Kulturzentrum and the British through the Anglo-Taiwan Trade Commission. The

directors of some of these organizations sometimes attempt straight-faced denial of any governmental connection, but a foreign businessman seeking to straighten out some technicality involving Australia, for instance, will be told by Taiwanese officials (also maintaining straight faces) to look up the Australia Free China Society.

It is now being said in Taipei that the United States embassy building is to become the Asian American Trade Services Corporation. It is said that the Republic of China diplomatic presence in Washington will be thinly disguised as the Sun Yat-sen Society. Whether those titles are correct or not is hardly relevant — everybody knows that the organizations will exist and will be staffed by diplomats, whatever their names.

Taiwan authorities have become experts on this kind of thing over the years. Although they now have diplomatic relations with only 19 countries (18 when the United States officially departed) they maintain some kind of commercial contacts with about 140 nations and have official establishments of some sort in 125.

In addition, private and governmental trade associations in Taiwan have no unknown but staggering number of legal contracts with private and governmental organizations overseas. The Taiwan government, for example, has many legal contracts with state governments in the United States and these will continue in force after Jan. 1. A trade delegation from Taiwan is in the United States now, signing more.

"They work at this kind of thing," a Western diplomat noted. "They know that every

signed piece of paper represents one more official contact. They will sign an agreement to deliver one box of matches."

Overseas, the Taiwan government has quasi-diplomatic offices in every major trading nation and many of the smaller ones. These are sometimes called Far East Trade Services Incorporated and sometimes, more openly, the China External Trade Development Council.

In addition to economic matters, these offices usually have a professional diplomat in the background and they handle consular matters like issuing visas. Virtually all Taiwan overseas tourist offices can issue visas, as can the offices of the government-owned China Airlines.

Officially, the diplomatic scene in Taipei itself is pretty dreary. Because few diplomats can represent themselves as such, attendance at official diplomatic functions is sometimes sparse.

With the departure of the United States, the major embassies here will be South African, South Korean and Saudi Arabian. The Saudi connection is by far the most important (11 of the others are Latin American).

The anti-Communist Saudis — who furnish virtually all of the oil for Taiwan's economy — have stuck with the Republic of China through all difficulties and appear likely to continue that course.

In the good old days before Peking's diplomatic efforts began to pay off, there were more than 70 foreign embassies and consulates in Taipei. As the number has diminished, Taiwan has continued to thrive. (LAT)

## Israel's Middle East scenario

by Dial Ferguson  
TEL AVIV

Even as the Israeli government searched for a way around the current impasse in seeking a peace agreement with Egypt, the Israeli Defense Forces are quietly preparing for war they believe will come by 1983.

Israeli military thinking here foresees this scenario:

Iraq and Syria will attack through Lebanon and the Golan Heights, Israel's border with Syria, and will move through Jordan to strike across the Jordan Valley. King Hussein, voluntarily or under pressure, will join them.

Military leaders in Egypt will want to join the war, too. Whether they do so or not will depend on how much Egyptians get out of the peace that is expected to then exist between Israel and Egypt. If Egypt's people are doing better, they will have too much to lose. If not, the hawks will win, and Egypt will move across the demilitarized Sinai to get at Israel.

"We will have to move fast to engage them in the Sinai, where there is room to maneuver," an Israeli officer said. "We can't let them get into the Negev. A lot will depend on whether they delay two or three days. That would give us time to take care of the eastern front."

Israel will win handsily, if Egypt does not attack simultaneously, according to military strategy here. With a coordinated attack, as in 1973, when Egypt and Syria struck simultaneously, by surprise, Israel would be in more trouble. But the Israeli army does not expect to be surprised this time.

The IDF's plans to counter a possible Arab attack are, of course, secret. And so, as well, are the military intelligence estimates of Arab intentions. But from a number of well-informed sources it is possible to put together an unofficial but reliable account of what Israeli military experts see as the Middle East of the early '80s.

Experts here believe they see the trends that point to why, when and where the next clash will come. Among them:

— By 1983, oil in large quantities will begin to flow from the vast Mexican oil fields, where reserves are said to be equivalent to a large share of the Arab oil holdings. Once the Mexican oil becomes available,

the Arabs will lose the power of their oil weapon. An embargo would no longer cripple the Western world.

— For this reason, according to the Israelis, the Arabs must attack Israel before the new oil reserves are tapped. They will call an embargo to try to force the United States and Western Europe to side with them in imposing a ceasefire at a time advantageous to them.

The attack will come in the fall, they argue when the approach of winter makes an embargo on oil a more potent threat. It may come as early as 1982, and possibly as late as 1984, depending when the Mexican fields begin to flow.

According to Israelis, Israel is not the only country that sees the menace of such a confrontation. The United States understands it as well, according to Israeli experts, and this is why President Carter is staking so much on trying to achieve peace between Egypt and Israel this year.

The United States is not just being altruistic about the fate of Israel, say sources in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. It is worried about the threat of a Russian advance south into the Middle East. The United States, they say, wants a line of defense at least across Egypt and Israel and further south.

As Israelis see it, the Soviet Union holds all the advantages over the next few years. That favorite Communist commodity, chaos, is spreading through the Arab world, inspired by a religious fervor such as that already surfacing in Iran.

Israeli strategists are, of course, self-serving in their estimates of the situation, seeing their state as the only country America can count on in the Middle East. It is not without "schadenfreude" — the Germanic concept of delight in another's misfortune — that Israeli thinkers diagnose these likely events among their Middle East neighbors.

EGYPT — If peace with Israel does not bring immediate rewards to the average Egyptian — and Israeli theorists wonder if Egypt's devastated economy can produce such rewards — then hawks in the army could push Egypt into the war of 1983. Sadat would be forced to go along with it, like it or not.

JORDAN — King Hussein is also watching Iran, where he sees a staunch friend of the

West, the Shah, facing domestic help. The United States, he knows, could no more back him than it could the Shah.

The king, Israel believes, will join Syria and Iraq.

IRAQ — Iraq has on and off Soviet support. It has ended at least for now, its long feud with Syria and has gained the upper hand over a troublesome Kurdish national movement in the north because the Shah stopped helping the Kurds — and is now in no position to resist them.

SYRIA — The United States gave Lebanon to Syria, according to Israeli wisdom, in a vain attempt to bring Syria into the Western camp. Syrian troops are in Lebanon to stay, the Israelis claim, and when the time for the next war comes, they will move through southern Lebanon and attack towards Israel's northern border.

The Syrians' new alliance with Iraq places both countries' armies under a single command, to face Israel, and — if the two do not have a falling out by 1983 — they will be able to marshal a force of something like 400,000 men.

LEBANON — According to Israeli predictions, it will cease to function as a country and will by the early 1980s be a Syrian fiefdom.

IRAN — The Shah's fall is inevitable, according to the view of Israeli military thinkers. Street mobs will give way to terrorist attacks and sabotage against the oil fields.

The new government will probably prefer to keep the oil in the ground, rather than have Westerners pump it out. This could cause a crisis for Japan, which gets most of its oil from Iran. It could also hurt Israel, which gets 40 per cent of its oil from Iran, unless Israel is able to successfully conclude an agreement with Egypt for Egyptian oil.

Israeli thinkers view the religious backlash against Western influences as the coming force in Middle East politics. They feel it will appear in all Arab countries with a Western presence, and that it spreads, the Soviets will encourage it.

Israeli theorists claim the inevitability of fate is pushing the Arab countries into a holy war against Western influences they despise, and Israel — peace with Egypt or not — will be its inevitable target. (LAT)

## De Gaulle's heirs squabble

By Robin Brayth  
PARIS—

The political heirs of General De Gaulle are fighting openly among themselves as the dispute over the election to the European parliament widens the rift in President Giscard's majority.

To add to the strains of the rivalry between Gaullists and Giscardians, two prominent Gaullists have now fiercely attacked Jacques Chirac, the leader of their own RPR Party. The dispute inside the RPR — still the largest group in the majority — increases the danger that the unity of the

government forces will not survive the European Parliament elections next summer.

The onslaught on Chirac's leadership comes from two former secretary-generals of the party who hold diametrically opposed views about its future. Beth Alexandre Sanguinetti, who wants the RPR to break away from the majority altogether, and Alain Peyrefitte, minister of justice in the present government, accused Chirac of incoherence.

What drew Peyrefitte's fire was Chirac's manifesto a week earlier declare war on Giscard's European policy.

But Chirac's orders to the RPR were to maintain their truce with the government inside the national assembly and to confine their attack to the European issue. The qualified support to be given to government legislation was plainly not motivated by any sense of attachment, but by the need to bring the government down.

Unfortunately for this attempt to strike a delicate balance, Chirac's criticism of Giscard's ventures was so virulently worded that many Gaullists felt that the party must choose a consistent course. (OFNS)

## saudi press review

Commenting on Crown Prince Fahd's interview in "Al-Jezira" Thursday "Al-Bilad" said the prince was very clear in his assessment of the situation in the Middle East and on what the Arabs should do to retrieve their rights.

"Prince Fahd said that we should build our own potentials in individuals, society and attitudes," the paper said.

"This is the direction that we should take in our efforts to regain our lost rights and lands."

"Right is might and without the latter the former is liable to be lost. Through such a means of solving the Middle East problem, it would be possible to realize a just, lasting and comprehensive peace," the paper said.

"Al-Medina" criticized President Qaddafi of Libya for his approach to Islam and his "vicious slandering" of the faith on account of his declaration that the sayings of the Prophet Muhammad and his guidelines should be discounted.

Qaddafi said that only the

Holy Quran should be taken into consideration as a firm basis for Islam.

The paper said that the Islamic world is duty-bound to combat this "malicious attempt to sow doubt in the principles of Islam as attributed by the Libyan press to their leader."

One of the latest attacks on Islam, according to the paper, is Qaddafi's description of the second Caliph Omar "as a benevolent dictator."

"This attack on the caliph is in keeping with Qaddafi's attempt to demolish one of the pillars of Islam which is the Sunna, the Prophet's sayings and guidelines by undermining the reliability of those who preserved its heritage."

The paper urged all Muslims to unite "to controlling this new peril before it becomes more dangerous and catastrophic."

"It would be difficult to discount the possibility of a major political change in China in the foreseeable future," according to "Al-Medina".

"The change may take the

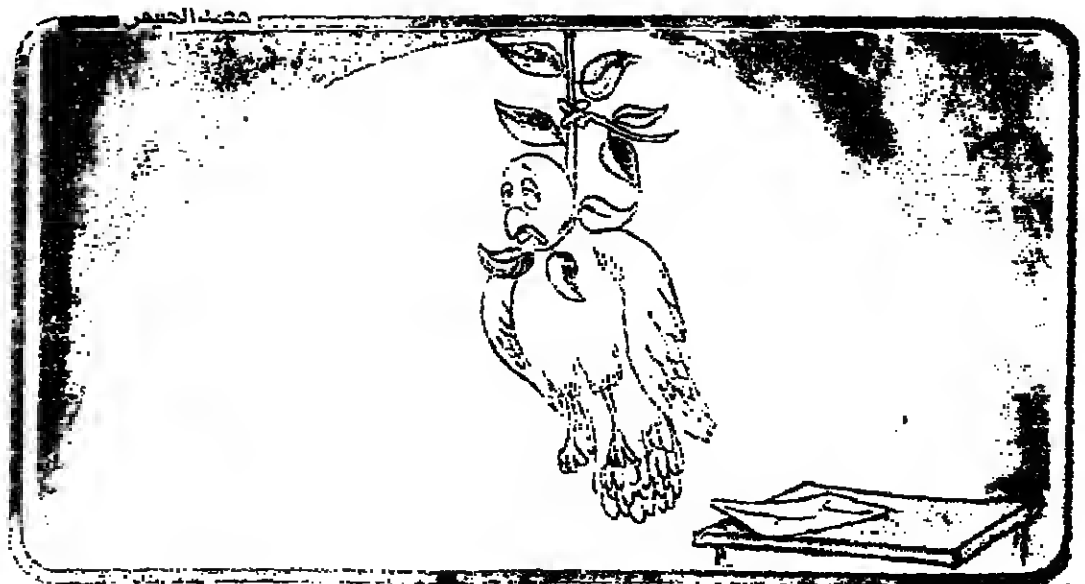
shape of the Swedish socialist system which preserves democratic practices and individual freedoms. This would seem plausible today compared with the dogmatic policy of Mao and his henchmen which led to serious economic deterioration that threatened the country with grave consequences. The new leadership had the courage to tackle the situation firmly and banish the so-called Gang of Four from power. Taking into account the growing might of the Soviet Union and the political situation in Asia, it would seem neither possible nor desirable to leave Communist China outside the arena of global conflict as long as it remained shackled by its backwardness.

"What role will China play? Will it combat further Soviet expansionism and protect the smaller powers from falling into the Soviet trap? Will it preserve peace and international stability in cooperation with the United States and Japan? Or will China become a superpower in 10 to 20 years and

start to act like one? This is the risk that America and its allies have taken with regard to China. This leaves the tragic story of Nationalist China. But this is tied up with the Ameri-

can bet on Communist China and its results. If China maintains a policy of moderation and open doors for the good and prosperity of the Chinese people, Nationalist China will

remain secure, but if China chooses a more aggressive policy, then not only Nationalist China but the rest of the world will face unforeseen dangers."



Peace dove hanged by its own olive branch.

—AL JEZIRAH



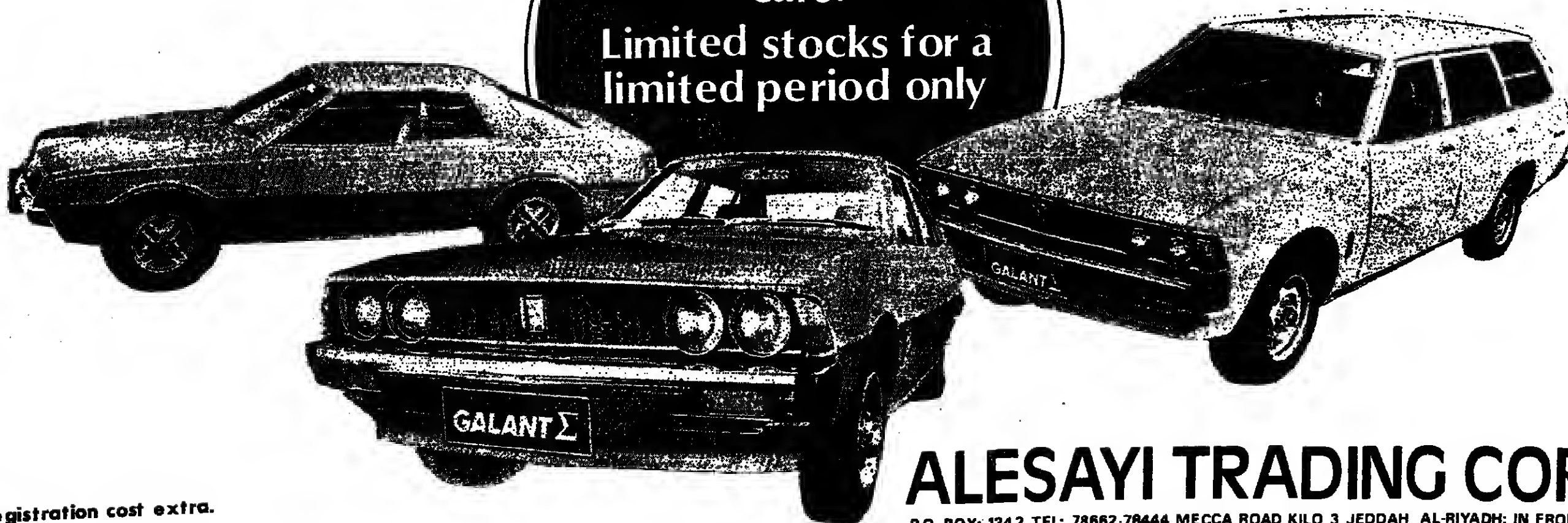
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## House of Pizza comes to town

The House of Pizza opened for business earlier this month as a new fast foods operation located on Palestine Road across the street from the Luna Park.

The House of Pizza staff of six works in a fully equipped custom-made American trailer with two kitchens, restroom and office.

"The purpose of the business is to provide clean Halal food cooked with American recipes at a reasonable price," said Khalil Asaad, the manager of the House. "Our main products are quality and service."

Khalil Asaad, an American Muslim, was invited to Saudi Arabia to provide management

for the business by another American Muslim and friend Sheid Uallah, who is a partner in the new business.

Asaad was born in Chicago and worked in Dallas, Texas as a manager and computer programmer for the Sears Roebuck Co. computer data center, as well as owning and operating several retail businesses. Sheid Uallah was born in Mississippi and was the owner of a trucking company in Chicago. Sheid Uallah has a Saudi business partner, a very religious gentleman, who desires Islamic integrity in all of life's activities including business.

"The employees were chosen for their creative abilities,

their attitudes towards progress and people, and their willingness to contribute," said Asaad. "They have proven to be more than satisfactory by offering ideas, initiative and long hours of hard work, helping to develop the operation and the owners and management are sincerely appreciative."

"The cost of the business is patience, dedication and hardwork," said Asaad.

"The House of Pizza was planned, researched and made operational by a small private loan and the development has been supported by our personal funds."

American equipment is used at the House and food items

are also shipped from America, except for Halal meats and breads that are purchased locally. The breads are baked to their specifications by a specialty bakery, that will soon compliment the menu with hot doughnuts and other pastries.

"Our menu reflects our intentions, as it lists good foods at the lowest possible price," said Asaad.

"Our quarter-pound burgers and delicious Pizza's are prepared with great care and the ingredients are of the best qualities." The menu includes 18 items that are priced with the customer in mind. The menu includes Pizza (cheese, beef, mushroom, chive or all), southern fried chicken, sloppy Joe's, cheeseburgers, french fries, ice cream, milk shakes (Vanilla, Strawberry & chocolate) and tea, coffee and sodas.

The House of Pizza plans to expand its services throughout Saudi Arabia. They will incorporate a few more related foods as well as breakfast specials. They will also expand physically to accommodate a growing clientele and a training center for additional units, and in the next two years. The House of Pizza plans to operate a chain of Pizza trailers.

"The House of Pizza is still in the initial stages of development and we are recording requirements which include landscaping and creating an atmosphere blended to express our concern for our customers," said Asaad. "Presently I don't recognize any serious competition in the fast foods business here," said Asaad. "But I feel that competition is healthy when applied in a positive fashion; fast foods in Saudi Arabia are patronized here more so than in other countries I have visited as the customary and traditional activity encourages a good appetite."

## 'There's nothing to eat at home'

By David Holley

TOKYO — Den Fujita grew up eating the traditional Japanese diet of rice, fish, bean curd, fermented soybean soup and fresh and pickled vegetables. And at 52, he still prefers that diet.

But on weekends, he says, when he asks his wife to make a Japanese meal for the family, she often refuses. Instead, she tells him he can cook for himself if he wishes, but she and the children are going to McDonald's.

"So I have to go. There's nothing to eat at home," complained Fujita — the founder and president of McDonald's Co. of Japan.

Ten years ago few people in Japan or the United States would have predicted that hamburgers could be a success here. The traditional Japanese diet included neither bread nor beef nor sandwiches and stressed careful preparation of fresh foods varying from season to season.

But this year McDonald's of Japan will have sales of about \$175 million and will show a \$15 million profit. Last month Japan was the site of the opening of the world's 5,000th McDonald's store. It was the 147th in Japan.

Fujita is confident he will have 300 stores in Japan by the end of 1981, with annual sales of \$500 million, giving a profit of \$50 million.

The McDonald's menu in Japan is familiar to American visitors — except for the fact that it is written in Japanese phonetic characters. But, even though the last price increase was in 1974, the prices are higher.

Before McDonald's came to Japan, the few places that served hamburgers often could not satisfy the American hamburger purist. Some were even known to combine their beef with other meats.

But McDonald's hamburgers are 100 per cent beef, with about half of the meat imported from Australia. The French fries are made from Idaho potatoes, and Fujita said that \$400,000 worth of them are imported from the United States each month.

Top McDonald's executives give Fujita complete credit for the success of the Japanese operation.

"Without Fujita, instead of 147 stores, we'd have ended up with 20 or 30," said Edward H. Schmitt, president of McDonald's Corp.

Operations in Japan have become McDonald's "number one success story overseas," said Fred L. Turner, chairman of the board.

Turner indicated that Fujita's handling of the company's operations in Japan sheds light on why some American companies succeed and others fail in cracking the Japanese market.

Using knowledge gained during 20 years of managing his own import-export business, Fujita shaped McDonald's to fit Japan. He used personal connections to serve the company's needs, and came up with unique ideas — such as a way to give status to hamburgers — that were not easily understood, much less conceived, by the American management of McDonald's.

Better understanding by Americans of seemingly minor aspects of Japan's changing culture and society is a prerequisite for expanded U.S. exports to Japan, Fujita said.

McDonald's success in Japan was built, he said, upon social changes that have transformed the country since the end of World War II.

Bread and milk were introduced to the schools by a government school lunch program after the war, creating a new generation whose tastes easily adapt to hamburgers and milkshakes, Fujita said, adding, "This postwar generation is our main target."

"In the past, we had big families and the younger generation who live together with their parents. But today the younger generation lives in small apartments. They lose the chance to learn (traditional cooking) from their mothers," Fujita said.

These trends were already well developed by 1968, when an American employee of Fujita's firm suggested to him that he help bring McDonald's to Japan. Fujita, however, was skeptical.

"I was worried whether Japanese people could eat hamburgers," Fujita said.

He said his doubts were erased only when he visited Honolulu and saw the popularity of McDonald's food among Americans of Japanese ancestry. He soon began negotiations with McDonald's and became president and half-owner of McDonald's of Japan when the company was founded in 1971.

One of the first — and key — problems was determining where to open the first store. Burger Chef already had a store in a Tokyo suburb, so Fujita and American executives of McDonald's examined that location.

Fujita recalls that the Americans were convinced that Burger Chef had discovered an excellent location, but he rejected their opinion and put McDonald's first store in the downtown Ginza area in what had been show-window space of the fashionable Mitsukoshi department store.

The Americans remained critical, Fujita said, until October 1, 1972, when the Ginza store registered 2.2 million yen (\$17,000) in sales to set a new world record for a single day's business for a McDonald's store.

Meanwhile, the suburban Burger Chef store failed, and Burger Chef withdrew from Japan.

The Ginza has been for decades the most prestigious shopping district of Japan, and a national trendsetter. "Every day, a million people come to the Ginza, including many of the 500,000 Japanese and foreign visitors who are in Tokyo at any given time," Fujita said.

A store in the Ginza, he said, offers not only "free advertising," but also a high-quality image.

At the Ginza store, Fujita said, "10 per cent of our customers are Americans. So Japanese think, 'Oh, here is an American eating a hamburger. It must be good. The price is 150 yen (79 cents); I can afford it. So let's go.'"

"But if no American is eating there, the Japanese don't go. They think, 'Oh, this is 150 yen, it must be junk food. It's no good.'"

"But I'm very careful," Fujita continued. "On the other side, Japanese don't like foreign people. So, even now, I intentionally don't put up any American flag, and I don't say, 'McDonald's came from the United States.' These words are forbidden words for McDonald's Japan, because they stimulate anti-foreign feeling."

Fujita said American exporters in general should study such cultural aspects of Japan more carefully.

"You must send first-class Americans, experts, to Japan," Fujita said.

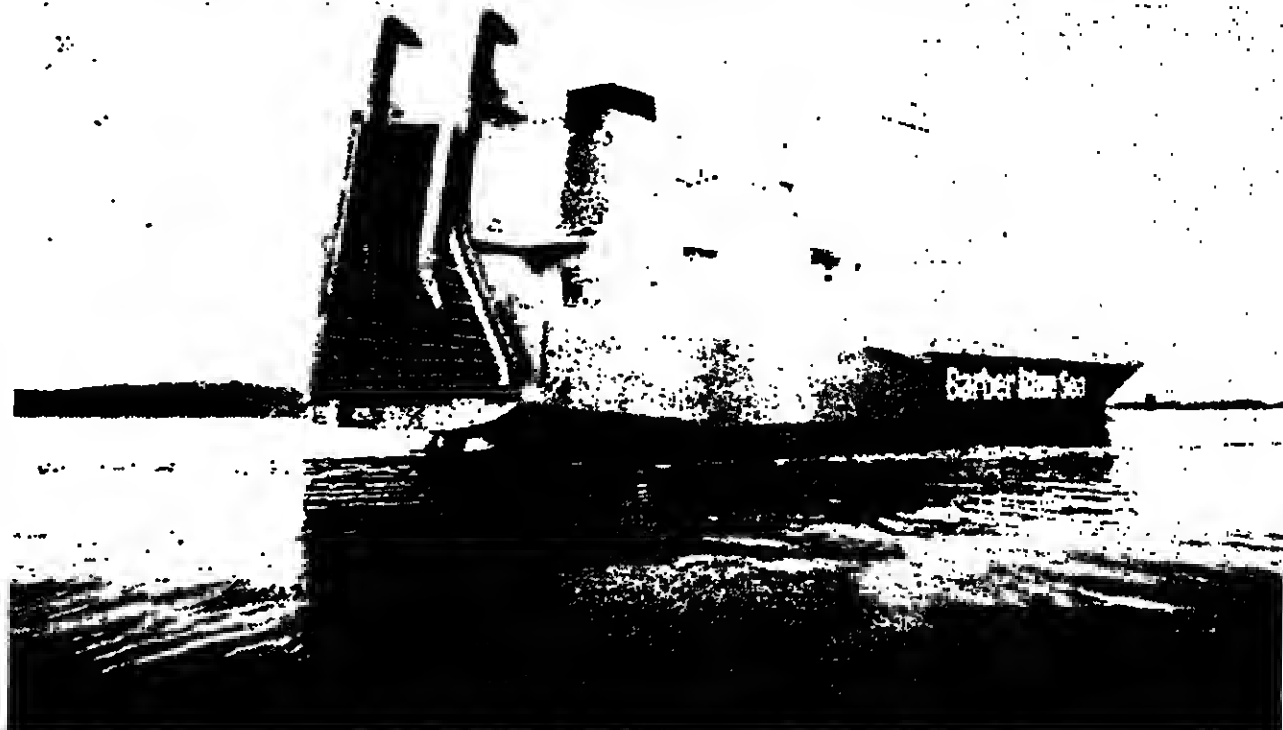
"Before you start production, you must learn Japanese culture and what Japanese like. Then you can export in huge quantities."

The potential hamburger market in Japan is so great, Fujita said, that it would support five times the present number of McDonald's stores.

Despite the excellence of his business prospects, however, Fujita is worried:

"I am a little bit afraid that 10 years from now, Japanese housewives will not know how to cook good Japanese food." —(LAT)

## BARBER BLUE SEA INTRODUCES THE SUPER CARRIERS.



BARBER BLUE SEA will over the next six months take delivery of six of the largest and most advanced Roll-on-Roll off ships in the world. The capital investment in these ships amounts to nearly US Dollars 200 million and represents a major technological step forward for the Round-the-World Liner Shipping Services offered by the Oslo-based BARBER BLUE SEA. The six vessels have been ordered from shipyards in Japan and Norway by the three leading shipping companies which are partners in BARBER BLUE SEA-WILHELMSEN OF NORWAY, OCEAN TRANSPORT AND TRADING LTD. of Great Britain and BROSTROM SHIPPING CO. LTD. of Sweden. WILHELMSEN will own three of the new ships, OCEAN, two and BROSTROM, one. Due for delivery between the end of January and the middle of June, these RO/RO Supercarriers will form the basis of the BARBER BLUE SEA Shipping Services next year, running from the United States, to the Middle East. And then on to South East Asia and the Far East before finally returning to the United States. They are remarkable ships in many ways. They can carry Containerized Cargo up to a maximum of 1,800 twenty-foot equivalent units, or up to 60,000 cubic meters of Non-Containerized Cargo, and also as many as 300 up-boxed cars on inboard car decks. Versatility is the keynote of the ships, and they can take almost any combination of these types of cargo, including heavy lifts of up to 300 tons weight, all of which is loaded and unloaded over a massive 40-foot wide ramp able to take two lines of traffic at a maximum rate of 500 tons per hour. All kinds of Rolling Stock can be accommodated, as well as Trailers, Reefer Containers and Special Containers.

"We believe these ships to be unique," says BARBER BLUE SEA President, Ivar Lovland, "certainly as far as the United States Trades are concerned. Their size alone offers very considerable economies of scale, and we are confident that they will not be superseded, either in size or technology, for a long time. They really are Fantastic Cargo Machines". Of the partners, WILHELMSEN in particular, has a substantial experience in the operation of Long-Haul RO/ROs on the Scandinavia, Australia / New Zealand routes. The partners believe that the nature of the BARBER BLUE SEA routes, which produce a high volume of wheeled cargo and a small but important segment of uncontainerizable cargo combined with a heavily containerized trade from the Far East, makes large versatile RO/ROs the ideal form of ship for the services. Mr Lovland stresses that the new ships should not be confused with the smaller, trailer-type of RO/RO widely used on Short-Sea Ferry Routes.

"These new ships are quite distinct from the trailer types," he says. "They make use of the RO/RO loading and discharging technique so as to give the quickest possible Port-Turn-Around time, but they incorporate block storage methods which enable the maximum possible volume of cargo to be accommodated within the ship."

The Supercarriers will form the backbone of the BARBER BLUE SEA SERVICES, but they will be supported by a high-quality fleet of multi-purpose cargo liners. Eleven of these ships will be retained in the BARBER BLUE SEA SERVICES following the introduction of the six RO/ROs. There will be five Wilhelmssen Ships of this type, able to take up to 750 containers, heavy lifts up to 150 tons, liquid

cargo, bulk cargo and unit loads, three ocean vessels with similar capability, and three Brostrom Lombo Vessels, designed to take a combination of Cellular Container and Conventional Cargoes with a maximum container capacity of 1,000 tons. The delivery of the last RO/RO will mark the completion of a rapid and fundamental upgrading of the total fleet, the first stage of which took place with the introduction of the Wilhelmssen and Ocean Multi-Purpose Vessels last year. A reflection of the improved quality of the fleet is provided by the reduction in the number of units operated from 31 in 1977 to 25 at present and 17 by the second half of next year.

The configuration of the up graded fleet emphasizes that BARBER BLUE SEA is willing and able to handle any kind of liner cargo. It is able to take any kind of container, with a 20,000 - box fleet monitored by its own tracking system, but the essence of its transportation concept is that it can adapt its system to suit whatever kind of cargo in whatever quantity the shipper wishes. The variety of its Trading Routes makes such a degree of adaptability vital. Five main services are provided: United States (West and Atlantic) / Canada East Coast to Middle East; US (Gulf and Atlantic) / Canada East Coast to South East Asia; Far East to Panama/USA; Canada East Coast; Far East to Canada/US West Coast; Venezuela; and Canada/US West Coast to Venezuela.

The new ships will give BARBER BLUE SEA a fleet well able to match those of any of its competitors on these routes. But Mr Lovland points out that the quality of the assets is only half of the package which makes up a successful modern liner shipping operation. The other half is the quality and extent of the back up organization, and here too BARBER BLUE SEA is highly competitive. BARBER BLUE SEA has a particularly extensive coverage of agents and offices in its key trading areas of North America, The Middle East and the Far East, and has concentrated where possible on establishing a direct presence in these agencies, in many cases this takes the form of ownership of the agency companies, and in other cases BARBER BLUE SEA has been able to place its own staff in agency offices. The philosophy has been as far as possible to obtain direct control over the entire marketing of its services, so as to be in the best position to offer a fully integrated Transportation System.

"Shipping has had to become very much more customer-orientated that it used to be, and we have placed great emphasis on this," says Mr Lovland. "We have invested a lot of money in top quality staff in our key locations, and this has given us a strength of expertise comparable in the quality of our work". Through the agency network, BARBER BLUE SEA is able to maintain a high degree of personal contact with its customers, and this is backed up by computerized Storage Planning, Telecommunication Systems and Container Tracking Systems.

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To pose challenge

# Arsenal swamps Tottenham, 5-0

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — England striker Alan Sunderland netted a superb hat-trick Saturday as Arsenal swamped its North London neighbor Tottenham, 5-0, in an English First Division soccer match.

Arsenal's resounding victory underlined its championship challenge. This match was the

team's 10th consecutive unbeaten game.

But Everton, who started the day unbeaten and just one point behind league leader Liverpool, lost its unbeaten record and the chance to top the standings.

Everton slumped against Coventry City at Higfield Road. After a goalless first

half, goals from Ian Wallace, Garry Thompson and Steve Hunt put the home team firmly in control and even late efforts from Mike Lyons and Bob Latchford could not save Everton.

Everton's defeat must have cheered Liverpool, whose match against Wolverhampton Wanderers was one of a number of matches frozen out.

Arsenal is now in a third-place tie with West Bromwich Albion, which did not play Saturday, though Albion is marginally ahead on goal difference.

Liam Brady for Arsenal completely overshadowed Osvaldo Ardiles in midfield as Sunderland opened the scoring after just 35 seconds after an error by John Gorman.

It was the first in a series of blunders by the shaky Tottenham defense. Brady created a second goal for Sunderland before half time and Arsenal really turned on the pressure after the interval. Frank Stapleton scored with a header after 61 minutes. Brady scored a fourth five minutes later with a left footed drive from 22 meters and Sunderland rounded off his hat-trick with five minutes remaining. Stapleton nearly made it 6-0, hitting a post in the dying seconds.

Nottingham Forest missed a chance to gain significant

ground when it could only draw 0-0 with Manchester City. It was the defending champion's tenth draw of the season and it remains in fifth place.

Leeds continued to make progress under new manager Jimmy Adamson by getting a fine 3-1 victory at home over Middlesbrough. The visitors took the lead through Mark Proctor but John Hawley equalized just before the interval and Eddie Gray and Tony Currie sewed it up for Leeds in the second half.

Chelsea moved off the bottom ahead of Birmingham by managing a scoreless draw at home against Bristol City and the only other First Division match also ended in a goalless stalemate, between Derby County and Aston Villa.

In the one match last night, Manchester United was up-ended 3-0 by Bolton Wanderers. The crowded Christmas season schedule which has most clubs playing four times over nine days continues on Tuesday with a full list of matches.

In Scotland, Dundee United opened up a slight bit of daylight at the top of the Premier Division with a 2-1 victory over Hibernian which put it two points in front.

Partick Thistle lost ground by drawing 1-1 against bottom club Motherwell. Aberdeen also fell back slightly with its scoreless draw against Hearts but is still third.

The big news from Scotland was that Glasgow Rangers finally moved ahead of its archrival, Celtic, by defeating St. Mirren, as Celtic was dropping a 1-0 decision to Morton.

## British soccer results

**English League**

**Division One**

Bolton 3 Man. Utd. 0 (played Friday)

Chelsea 0 Bristol C. 0

Coventry 3 Everton 2

Derby Co. 0 Villa 0

Leeds 3 Middlesbrough 1

Liverpool vs. Wolves postponed

Man. City 0 Forest 0

Norwich vs. QPR postponed

**Division Two**

Tottenham 0 Arsenal 5

Bristol R. 0 Stoke 0

Cambridge 0 Palace 0

Cardiff 2 Fulham 0

Charlton 0 Brighton 3

Leicester C. 1 Preston N.E. 1

Newcastle 3 Burnley 1

Notts Co. 1 Sunderland 1

Orient 2 Millwall 1

**Division Three**

Blackburn Rovers vs. Oldham Athletic, Luton Town vs. West Ham, Wrexham vs. Sheffield United postponed.

**Division Four**

Colechester 0 Watford 1

Lincoln 0 Chesterfield 1

Shrewsbury 3 Swansea 0

Southend 1 Brentford 1

**Division Five**

Aldershot 3 Stockport 2

Bournemouth 1 Wimbledon 2

Crewe vs. Northampton postponed

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ARCHITECT: Irish international Liam Brady, whose mid-field domination of Osvaldo Ardiles was instrumental in Arsenal's 5-0 defeat of Spurs Saturday.

## Referees should defend decisions, UEFA says

BERNE, Dec. 23 (IR) — Soccer referees should be more willing to defend themselves against criticism, an article in the latest European Football Union (UEFA) quarterly bulletin says.

For years most national football associations have barred referees from public discussion. "But there are

many instances where criticism of the referee can be defused or averted by a word of explanation at the right moment," the UEFA report said.

The article, a summary of a talk given at a recent UEFA referees' course in Vienna, says it is wrong for referees to have no contact with press or public—especially now that television and slow-motion replays of incidents in games, have increased the critical pressure on referees.

"The referee should not go looking for contacts with the press but he can still do a great deal to help improve the referees' general image and reputation. Referees have nothing to hide," the article added.

## India X1 hits out

# England spin worries South Australia team

ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec. 23 (AP) — Middlesex off-spinner John Emburey had South Australia struggling at three for 74 in its second innings at stumps on the second day of the three-day match against England at Adelaide Oval Saturday.

England, in reply to South Australia's first innings score of seven for 241, had closed its innings at tea with a total of five for 234 — a deficit of seven runs.

With only one day's play remaining, South Australia must make an immediate attack on the bowling when play starts Sunday morning and set England a sporting target if a result is to be reached.

In Jamshedpur, India, an Indian-East Zone cricket team scored 317 for the loss of nine wickets in opening play Saturday of a parallel three-day match against the West Indies.

Michael Dalvi hit top scorer for the home side with a superb 112 while former test batsman Ramesh Saxena blasted five towering sixes in a dashing innings of 86.

Hari Gidwani made 62. Marshall, 20, from Barbados, captured six wickets for 71 runs.

**Threat**

The threat to South Australia could well be Emburey, who had taken all three wickets to fall. At one stage he dismissed Barry Causby and Ian McLean in four balls without conceding a run.

It was a day bating contest and one in which a storm threatened to erupt from lunch onwards. It did not break, although there were two 10-minute delays due to light rain and bad light. The sky cleared after tea, when South Australia started its second innings.

The Australian team was without Test opening bat Rick

Darling, who was resting with a bruised thigh and England paceman Chris Old did not take to the field because of a migraine.

England began the day with Geoff Boycott starting slowly scoring only four singles off 64 deliveries in 85 minutes. Graham Gooch did not better for the entertainment when he occupied the crease for 78 minutes for his 20 runs.

But in the middle of the innings Roger Tolchard hastened the scoring and Derek Randall added dash and colour with his 47 runs which took 71 minutes and included seven fours.

## Spurs' Chicago gremlin sleeps

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP) — Finally the San Antonio Spurs may want to remember the windy city.

Since joining the National Basketball Association two years ago, the Spurs had failed to win in four trips to Chicago. But that futile streak ended Friday night when they whipped the Bulls, 103-99, with George Gervin scoring 33 points and Larry Kenon adding 23.

"We were definitely up for this one," said San Antonio center Billy Paultz, who held Chicago's Artis Gilmore to eight points in the final two periods after a 16-point first half, although Gilmore pulled down a career-high 28 rebounds.

"I wouldn't call this a great thrill," Paultz conceded, "but it was something we wanted badly. Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington were the only cities we had never won in. Now that's down to two."

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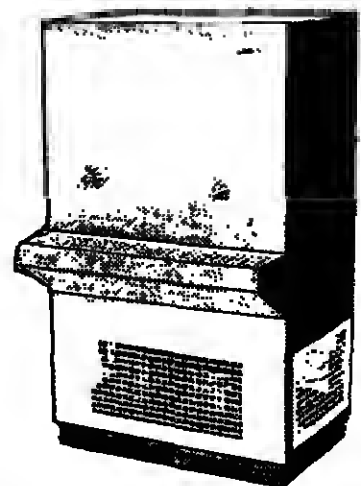
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## Japan urges economic summit

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira has sent letters to government leaders of six major Western industrial countries inviting them to Tokyo for an economic summit next June, the foreign ministry announced Saturday.

It said the invitations were sent to President Carter, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, British Prime

Minister James Callaghan, Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti and European Commission President Roy Jenkins.

Officials said Ohira said he hoped that Japan would host the fifth economic summit in Tokyo next June.

They said the exact date for the meeting was yet to be fixed.

Three preparatory meetings are expected to be held in Tokyo, the United States and

Europe before the next summit.

Ministry sources said Australia's wish to take part in the summit, to be held for the first time in the Pacific-Asian region, would be discussed in the preparatory meetings.

They said world currency problems would be a key issue along with relations between developed and developing countries and energy issues.

## Iran boosts oil output

TEHRAN, Dec. 23 (R) — Iran's oil production Friday averaged 3.4 million barrels, about 300,000 barrels more than the previous day, a spokesman for the state-owned National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) said.

Oil experts Friday also increased slightly to 2.7 million barrels from 2.5 million barrels on Thursday.

But the figures are still well below Iran's normal daily output of 6.5 million barrels before industrial action for more pay and in support of a political campaign against the Shah hit the oilfields.

Production levels have been rising with more employees returning to work under the threat from the military administration.

The spokesman also said technicians were repairing a pipeline rupture which occurred Friday, but he said he did not know if it had affected operations.

## EEC calls for talks on OPEC's price hike

STUTTGART, West Germany, Dec. 23 (R) — European Common Market Commissioner Guido Brunner Saturday called on the oil-producing countries to meet the West and Japan to discuss what he called the insupportable new oil price increase.

Dr. Brunner, the EEC's energy commissioner, said in a radio interview: "Nobuy is served by price increases if they cannot be borne by the market."

He told the "Sueddeutsche Rundfunk" that a conference should be held to take action on oil prices. The Common Market, the United States and Japan should tell the oil producers their price rise of 14.5 per cent in 1979 could not be borne in such a short period.

Dr. Brunner said the European Commission was trying to persuade the oil producers to forego a further price increase in 1980 and reconsider the rise planned for 1979.

Dr. Brunner said: "It is a question of doing everything jointly to shore up the dollar, give the European Monetary

System a good starting chance and promote the fight against inflation in the Western world."

This would be a theme of next month's Western summit in the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, he said.

Dr. Brunner said it was in the interests of oil producers and buyers to strengthen the monetary and economic situation.

He said the EEC commission had been forced to revise its goals for extending nuclear energy resources because of political discussions on hindering atomic power stations.

A brake on investment of seven billion dollars meant that only about half the nuclear energy production planned for 1985 could now be expected.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Saturday	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	6.75	6.75
Deutsche Mark (100)	181.00	181.00
Swiss F (100)	204.50	204.50
French F (100)	79.50	79.50
Italian Lira (1000)	4.75	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	112.50	113.25
Syrian Lira (100)	81.00	86.15
Egyptian Pound	4.50	4.90
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.30	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	11.40	11.32
Emirates Dirham (100)	87.50	86.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	87.50	86.80
Bahraini Dinar	8.75	8.68
Iranian Riyal (100)	46.00	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	9.85	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	74.00	73.30
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	79.00	86.25
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Vessels Working Berth No.	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
1	ASIA PALIN N	GULF	GENERAL	20.12.1978
2	COLUMBIA LAND	LACC	CONTAINERS	22.12.1978
4	TARUNGA	BARBER	GENERAL	22.12.1978
7	MING HONEY	KANOO	JIM SIL GEN.	22.12.1978
11	ISOKEZE MARU	KANOO	FROZEN MEAT	22.12.1978
12	MALDIVE ENSIGN	URRI	RUCE GEN	22.12.1978
17	TABUK	KANOO	GENERAL	22.12.1978
18	NADIA	KANOO	C. LEMENI	22.12.1978
19	BRILLIANT STAR	ALSAADA	STEEL GEN	22.12.1978
20	KENLEY	S.E.A.	GENERAL	22.12.1978
21	EASTERN WAVE	ALIREZA	CEMENT	22.12.1978
26	FLORIDA MARL	GULF	PIPES	19.12.1978

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## Weekly Wall Street

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP) — International Business Machines had an early Christmas present for investors this past week: a divided increase and a proposal for a landmark stock split.

IBM's directors increased the dividend by nearly 20 per cent from \$2.88 to \$3.44 a share, effective with the first-quarter payment in 1979.

And they proposed a 4-for-1 split, subject to a shareholder vote next spring, that would put the stock's price below 100 a share for the first time in decades.

Assuming it is approved — and brokers said there is no apparent reason not to — it would be the first split for IBM since a 5-for-4 distribution in 1973.

IBM stock stood at 271 Tuesday morning when the news was announced. By the 4 p.m. close in New York on Friday, it had climbed to 295.

The rest of the market responded with similar enthusiasm. After a 17, 4-point setback Monday, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials gained ground steadily through the rest of the week, finishing with a net advance of 3.12 at 808.47.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose .46 to 53.77, and the American Stock Exchange market value index climbs 1.55/09 150.85.

Big Board volume averaged 27.51 million shares a day, up from 22.03 million the week before.

Analysts noted that news involving IBM often affects

the general market because of the company's pre-eminent position as one of the bluest of the blue chips. For years it has been No. 1 on the list of stocks in the portfolios of investing institutions.

The dividend increase, brokers pointed out, came as a tangible signal of confidence in the outlook of IBM directors.

The split, for its part, was aimed at bringing the stock's price into the buying range of a broader range of individual investors.

At its current level, purchase of a "round lot" of 100 IBM shares requires an outlay of nearly \$30,000 — beyond the range of many small investors, particularly since such investors are frequently warned that they should keep their portfolios diversified.

Assuming the stock were split from its present price level, a 100-share purchase would fall into the less exclusive neighborhood of 7,000-7,500 dollars.

A stock split by itself does nothing to change the total value of an investor's holdings, and market history has demonstrated that it is no assurance of a subsequent rise in the price of the issue.

But splits have always enjoyed a special place in the mythology of Wall Street — in part as a mark of company's past progress and future ambitions.

In a study published earlier this year, Standard and Poor's Corp. analysts observed that stock-split activity tends to function as an indicator of the general state of the market's health.

## Economic Briefs

WASHINGTON: The U.S. Air Force awarded a \$91.9 million contract Friday to General Electric Co. for the first production of a new nuclear warhead about twice as powerful as the one now on Minuteman III missiles. The new warhead, the Mark 12-A, would unleash the explosive power equivalent to 350,000 tons of TNT.

NAIROBI: East African nations face invasion and massive crop destruction by millions of marauding locusts within the next three weeks, a spokesman for the Desert Locust Control

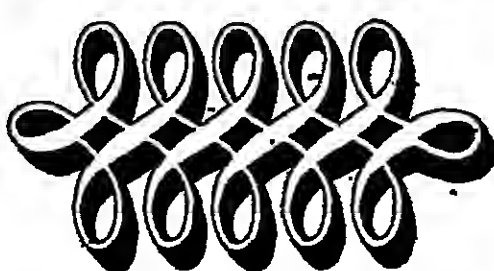
Organization of East Africa warned Friday.

BRUSSELS: World crude steel production reached a new record in 1978, according to preliminary figures compiled by the International Iron and Steel Institute, released Saturday.

GENEVA: A 50-nation U.N. group called Friday for better treatment of migrant workers but stopped short of endorsing developing countries proposals for an international convention to protect them.

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" " "	Painting of electric poles in Onaizah town	3	20	Jan. 21
" " "	Water pipes and joints, for the second time	4	20	Jan. 21
" " "	Supply of uniforms for laborers	7	50	Jan. 21
* Municipality of Jubail	Fencing of two graveyards on Dammam road close to the girls' school	xx	150	Jan. 18
* Department of Zakat and Revenue	Supply of vehicle and office furniture	1	xx	Dec. 25
* SAUDITEL Taif	Desires to purchase a plot of land with an area of 20,000 to 25,000 sq. meters behind the central jail, for the construction of a cables store and garage	xx	xx	Jan. 13



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3	—	—	—	—
4	MARKO MARULIC	ATTAR	GENERAL	22.12.1978
5	UNION BOSTON	O.C.E.	GENERAL	22.12.1978
6	KHALI STAR	S.A.I.A.	CHICKENS	19.12.1978
7	—	—	—	—
8	—	—	—	—
9	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—
11	GRIGORIOS C. IV	ALPHA	REEFER GENERAL	17.12.1978
12	MARKOS	BARCOOM	BAGGED CEMENT	17.12.1978
13	HAMID	FAYEZ	DURRA	20.12.1978
14	—	—	—	—
15	STALO 2	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	29.11.1978
16	KAGA MARU	ALIREZA	CONTAINERS	22.12.1978
17	—	—	—	—
18	ACHILLEUS	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	21.11.1978
19	—	—	—	—
20	JOHN MARU	ANSCO	VEHICLES	22.12.1978
21	MENESTHEUS	BARBER	GENERAL	22.12.1978
22	—	—	—	—
23	FILIPINAS SAUDI	S.A.M.A.	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—
35	—	—	—	—
36	—	—	—	—
37	—	—	—	—
38	—	—	—	—
39	PORT OF RIO	O.C.E.	CHICKENS	15.12.1978
40	—	—	—	—
41	IBN MAJID	AL SAADA	RE-BARS	21.12.1978
42	FUZLAAN	SEA	BAGGED CEMENT	15.12.1978
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### 2-Recent Arrivals

FAHAD	SADAKA	OURRA	22.12.1978
MENESTHEUS	BARBER	CONTAINERS & GEN	22.12.1978
UNION BOSTON	O.C.E.	GENERAL CARGO	22.12.1978
MERZARIO GARCIA	A.E.T.	RO RO	22.12.1978
FICHTELBERG	A.E.T.	RO RO	22.12.1978
MARKO MARULIC	ATTAR	GENERAL	22.12.1978
KAGA MARU	ALIREZA	CONTAINERS GENERAL	22.12.1978
FARHA	H.S.S.C.	RO RO	22.12.1978

### 3-Vessels Expected Within 24 Hours

BENADIR	O.C.E.	BANANAS	23.12.1978
EVELPIS	EL HAWI	APPLES	23.12.1978
MARITIME	JEDCO	CONTAINERS	23.12.1978
ALLIANCE	—	—	—
NEDLLOYD LK	ALATAS	TO LOAD MTYS	23.12.1978
ANU	RED SEA	RO RO	23.12.1978
ST. SERVAN	RED SEA	RO RO	23.12.1978
MERZARIO	A.E.T.	RU RO	23.12.1978
GALLIA	—	—	—
MERZARIO	A.E.T.	RO RO	23.12.1978
AUSONIA	—	—	—
TORINITA	A.E.T.	VEHICLES	23.12.1978
MILA	STAR NAV.	APPLES & CHEESE	23.12.1978

4-TONNAGES DISCHARGED (Freight tons) : 66,725

WAITING TIME: NIL

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**اسعار الاسهم في بورصة نيويورك**

**SHARE INFORMATION**

NEW YORK	Dec. 21	Dec. 22
Abbott Labs.	34	33 1/2
Abbott Nutrition	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. A	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. B	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. C	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. D	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. E	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. F	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. G	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. H	34	33 1/2
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Abbott Labs. T	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. U	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. V	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. W	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. X	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. Y	34	33 1/2
Abbott Labs. Z	34	33 1/2

**اسعار الاسهم في البورصات الدولية الرئيسية**

**INTERNATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGES**

GERMANY	TOKYO	AMSTERDAM
Dec. 21	Dec. 21	Dec. 21
Dec. 22	Dec. 22	Dec. 22
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**اسعار بعض الاسهم المختارة من بورصة لندن**

**LONDON STOCKS**

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL	Dec. 21	Dec. 22
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**COMMODITY PRICES**

**السلع الأساسية**

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**اسعار المواد والمعادن الرئيسية**

**ROBUSTA COFFEE**

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**اسعار الذهب والفضة**

**LONDON GOLD**

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**اسعار العملات المختارة من بورصة لندن**

**LONDON FOREIGN EXCHANGES**

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**اسعار فوائد العملات الأوروبية**

**EURO CURRENCY INTEREST RATES**

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**B.C.**

SHOW ME A WOMAN WHOSE HOUSE IS SPOTLESS,

AND I'LL SHOW YOU A WOMAN WHO JUST CAUGHT SROT WOLFING DOWN HER STANDING RIB ROAST.

**SMALL SOCIETY**

HOO-BOY! I MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH MY WIFE NOT TO EXCHANGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS WITH HER -

AND DIDN'T -

**BLONDIE**

I'LL HAVE THE "CHIEF'S SURPRISE"

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

HEY, DILLARD - SOMEBODY FINALLY ORDERED YOUR CHIEF'S SURPRISE!

YOU'RE KIDDING?!

NOW I WISH I'D ORDERED SOMETHING ELSE!

**BETTY BAILEY**

SARGE, HOW MUCH DO YOU WEIGH?

276!

YOU SAY THAT ALMOST PROUDLY

I AM PROUD! IT'S TAKEN ME A WHOLE LIFETIME TO BUILD ALL THIS UP!

I CAME ALL THE WAY UP FROM NOTHING, YOU KNOW!

**HAGAR**

I'M SICK AND TIRED OF WAITING UP FOR YOU WHILE YOU'RE OUT HAVING FUN WITH YOUR BUNNY FRIENDS!!

EITHER YOU SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY OR DON'T COME HOME AT ALL!!

UNDERSTAND P!!

**WIZARD**

WHY BOTHER CAPPING THESE TEETH, DOC. THEY'RE WORTHLESS!

NO TOOTH IS WORTHLESS, MY DEAR

TO WHO?

### Dennis the Menace

1-1 Ketchum

"GEE, A BRAND SPANKIN' FRESH NEW YEAR, AN' NOBODY'S MAD AT ME YET... SO FAR."

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**Crossword**  
by THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

- 1 Cavalryman's DOWN
- 2 Less risky
- 3 Working together
- 4 New Orleans jazz mecca
- 5 Ending for instant
- 6 Vapeous
- 7 Kind of check
- 8 Cereal grass
- 9 Bar order
- 10 Spanish
- 11 Magoon
- 12 English poet
- 13 Island Fr.
- 14 Tell it
- 15 In Gath
- 16 Old English
- 17 Goddess
- 18 Lull
- 19 Suffix
- 20 Dido
- 21 Skill
- 22 Sky Altar
- 23 Duryea
- 24 Medit. island
- 25 Meat cut
- 26 Ger. Dramatic
- 27 Segment
- 28 Sware
- 29 Ransom of the
- 30 Eskimo
- 31 Terminated
- 32 Sicilian
- 33 Hot spot

**DOWN**

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**Yesterday's Answer**

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### Believe It or Not!

SERVANTS IN HOMES IN THE U.S. IN THE 1800S WERE EXPECTED TO WORK FROM 6 A.M. TO 11 P.M.

MELVYN DOUGLAS THE ACTOR HAS WORKED AS A REPORTER IN CHICAGO ILL. BUT LOST HIS JOB WHEN HE FELL ASLEEP IN A POLICE STATION WHILE A BIG STORY WAS BREAKING

THE RATTLE OF A RATTLESNAKE ACTUALLY SOUNDS MORE LIKE A BUZZ

**Contract Bridge** B. Jay Becker

**Famous Hand**

NORTH

♠ 5  
♥ 8 5  
♦ A K 7  
♣ A K 6 5 4 2

EAST

♠ A Q J 9  
♥ 8 5 4 3 2  
♦ Q J 8 3  
♣ J 10 9 7

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 9  
♥ A K J 10 7 4  
♦ 9 5 4  
♣ -

This is one of the best double-dummy problems of all time. It was composed in 1945 by Sidney Lenz and was widely published in a contest promoted by a shaving cream company.

South is declarer at Seven Hearts and West leads the queen of clubs. The problem is to make the contract against any defense. It's not an easy problem to solve, but remember that you have the advantage of seeing all 26 cards.

1. If East discards a diamond on the ace of clubs at trick two, you discard the king of spades and take a trump finesse. You then lead a diamond to the king and ruff a club in your hand. You next play a diamond to the ace, and this leaves East with the Q-4-3 of trumps while you have the A-K-1 of trumps. You then play any old card from dummy and automatically win the last three tricks.

2. If East discards a diamond on the ace of clubs at trick two, you discard the king of spades and take a trump finesse. You then lead a diamond to the king and take another trump finesse. When you now play four more rounds of trumps, your remaining cards will be the A-Q-J of spades and nine of diamonds, while dummy will have the five of spades, A-7 of diamonds and five of clubs. West's last five cards, before discarding on your last trump lead, will be the K-10 of spades, Q-10 of diamonds and jack of clubs. Whatever he discards, you win the rest of the tricks.

### ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

#### PRAYER TIMES

SUNDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:36	7:03	12:27	3:31	5:48	7:18
Medina	5:41	7:07	12:29	3:32	5:45	7:13
Nejd	5:07	6:37	11:55	2:54	5:10	6:40

#### DHAHRAN TV

5:30 Children's Show	Seasons Street: The Holiday Story
5:41 Dennis the Menace	The Island Time Forgot
5:07 4 Winds to Adventure	Will The Real Santa Claus
5:29 Nancy Drew	Julie's Big Bust
6:13 On Our Own	10 Exercise - Who Needs It
6:39 Hearthe	The Second Time Around
7:03 Rhoda	Stoke Vs. Crystal Palace
7:29 Soccer	Angels of Mercy
8:19 Lavern & Shirley	The Greatest thing that Almost Happened
8:42 Famous Film	

#### WEATHER

Nice weather will prevail in most parts of Saudi Arabia, cool in the evening, especially in the northern province and parts of the central where frost is expected from night to dawn.

Winds will blow mostly in various directions at slow to moderate speed, becoming southerly in the northwestern area and parts of the western province raising dust and sands occasionally.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be moderate to choppy.

	—	—	Tabuk	20	05
Mecca	31	15	Al-Jauf	21	02
Jeddah	27	07	Ratha	18	01
Riyadh	24	07	Bisha	23	03
Dhahran	25	09	Yanbu	30	13
Medina	23	07	Abha	20	02
Taif					

### SAUDI RADIO

**Afternoon Transmission**

- 1:00 Opening
- 1:01 The Holy Quran
- 1:05 Gems of Guidance
- 1:10 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
- 1:15 S.A. Historical Notes
- 1:30 Off the Record
- 2:00 Your Choice
- 2:30 On Islam
- 2:40 Islam the Divine Truth
- 2:55 Music
- 3:00 NEWS
- 3:10 Press Review
- 3:15 Music
- 3:20 My Music
- 3:50 Close Down

**Evening Transmission**

- 10:00 Opening
- 10:01 The Holy Quran
- 10:05 Message to the Faithful
- 10:10 Light Music
- 10:15 NEWS
- 10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
- 10:30 Music Worldwide
- 11:00 Champions of Solidarity
- 11:10 Press Review
- 11:15 The Sixties
- 11:45 The World of Guitar
- 12:00 Islamic Contributions
- 12:15 The Songwriters
- 12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
- 12:59 Close Down

### VOA

**P.M.**

- 8:00 News Roundup: Reports, Actualities, Opinion, Analysis
- 8:30 Dateline News Summary
- 9:00 Special English: News, Feature, The Making of a Nation News Summary
- 9:30 Music USA: (Standards)
- 10:00 News Roundup: Reports, Actualities, Opinion, Analysis

**News Summary**

- 10:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter.
- 11:00 Special English: News
- 11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)

**VOA WORLD REPORT**

**Midnight**

- 12:00 News... newsmakers' voices... correspondents reports... background features... media comments... news analyses.

### BBC

**Morning Transmission**

- 8:00 World News
- 8:09 \*Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
- 8:30 \*Sarah Ward
- 8:45 World Today
- 9:00 Newswatch
- 9:30 \*Opera Star
- 10:00 World News
- 10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
- 10:30 \*Sarah Ward
- 10:45 \*Something to Show You
- 11:00 World News
- 11:09 Reflections
- 11:15 Piano Style
- 11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
- 12:00 World News
- 12:09 British Press Review
- 12:15 World Today
- 12:30 Financial News
- 12:40 Look Ahead
- 12:45 The Tony Mian Request Show

**Evening Transmission**

- 1:15 Ulster in Focus
- 1:30 Discovery
- 2:00 World News
- 2:09 News about Britain
- 2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
- 2:30 Sports International
- 2:40 Radio Newsreel
- 2:45 Promenade Concert
- 3:45 Sports Round-up
- 4:00 World News
- 4:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

**4:30 The Pleasure's Yours**

- 5:15 Report on Religion
- 6:00 Radio Newsreel
- 6:15 \*Outlook
- 7:00 World News
- 7:09 Commentary
- 7:15 \*Sherlock Holmes
- 7:45 World Today
- 8:00 World News
- 8:09 \*Books and Writers
- 8:30 \*Take One
- 8:45 Sports Round-up
- 9:00 World News
- 9:09 News about Britain
- 9:15 Radio Newsreel
- 9:30 Farming World
- 10:00 Outlook News Summary
- 10:39 Stock Market Report
- 10:43 Look Ahead
- 10:45 Ulster in Focus
- 11:00 World News
- 11:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
- 11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
- 11:45 \*Talkabout
- 12:45 Nature Notebook
- 1:00 World News
- 1:09 World Today
- 1:25 Financial News
- 1:35 Book Choice
- 1:40 Reflections
- 1:45 Sports Round-up
- 2:00 World News
- 2:09 Commentary
- 2:15 The Face of England

### Your Individual Horoscope

— Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈  
The emphasis is on romantic or marital questions, but it's certainly not a good time to dredge up issues from the past. Feelings run deep.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉  
Be moderate in celebrating today, as chronic health conditions could flare up. Let your heart rule your head when it comes to giving.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) ♊  
You may be surprised at the depth of your feelings now. It seems like it's all or nothing in matters of affection.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 21) ♋  
If you retreat into your shell today, it will be difficult for others to get you to come out. Avoid domestic showdowns and possessiveness.

**LEO** (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌  
A startling disclosure may lead to a turnaround in your thinking. You and a relative may be on different wave lengths. Avoid a return to sibling rivalry.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍  
Your attitude towards

finances may undergo a radical transformation. Find some comforting words for someone not feeling well.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎  
You're in the mood to transform your physical appearance, perhaps with a new hair style or a new look. Examine your own motives.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏  
Even though it's holiday time, you may be in the mood for solitude. Self-examination now will lead to some deep insights about yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐  
The ties of friendship seem especially strong today. You may revise your attitude about someone you've known a long time.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑  
Discuss with your partner or a close one what you truly want out of your career. In the process, you may alter some of your attitudes.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒  
Attending a church service today may make a profound effect on your consciousness. You're philosophical now and deeply so.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓  
"Lead us not into temptation" may be your prayer for today. Unconscious promptings are powerful and perhaps unsettling.



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Belgium Passport No. not down issued at Gruunier in favour of Mr. Martens Lucien as been lost. Finder please contact Tel: 64813 or 87687 — Jeddah.

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**PASSPORT LOST**  
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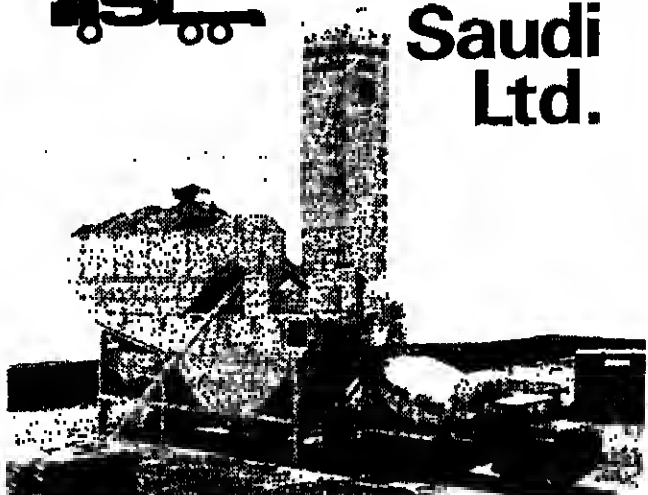
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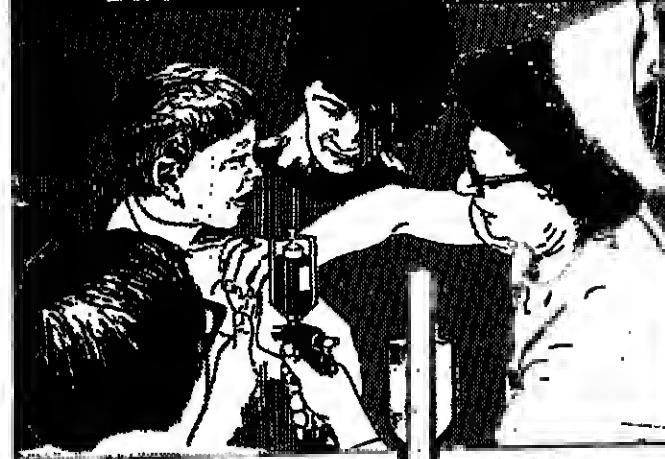
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Late News

## Peking, Taiwan put arms at head of shopping lists

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (Agencies)—China has acquired two late-model MiG-23 fighters in a quiet military exchange with Egypt, U.S. government sources disclosed Saturday.

The sources said China may have obtained the planes in a bid to copy the advanced Soviet technology it has been denied for years.

In Taipei, Taiwan's chief of the general staff urged the United States Saturday to reconsider its refusal to sell F-16 and F-18 aircraft to Taiwan. Without the equipment, he said, Peking could become Taipei's military superior in two to three years.

If America again refused, said chief of the general staff, Adm. Smong Chang-chia, Taiwan would take its military shopping list elsewhere.

"We will look to all the world, (to see if) it is possible to get weapons systems from other countries—only from the free world, of course," he told a news conference.

In Washington, the sources said it is not clear whether China's new planes are air-to-air fighters or bombing models.

The sources said China received the MiG-23s along with some late-model Soviet air defense missiles in what they believed was an exchange for Soviet spare parts Egypt needed.

## Two killed in Taiwan earthquake

TAIPEI, Dec. 23 (AP)—A strong earthquake hit north-eastern Taiwan Saturday evening and police reported two deaths and several injuries.

The Taiwan Central Weather Bureau measured the force of the earthquake at seven on the Richter Scale. Its epicenter was located about 130 kilometers off the island's eastern coast, five kilometers below the surface of the sea.

The deaths were of a woman and her child, killed when a new three-story building collapsed. Three other children were injured.

Speaking recently started to guide and rearm its obsolete arsenal Soviet-supplied weapons. It got \$2.4 billion in Soviet military aid before the ideological split between the two Communist nations in 1960.

The Asian giant now is negotiating for \$1.5 billion worth of Harrier vertical takeoff jets from Britain.

Although the United States has pledged not to sell arms to China, it has told European allies it does not object if they sell Peking purely defensive weapons.

Against this background, U.S. officials believed China might have two possible aims in procuring the newer more capable Soviet fighter.

China now builds MiG-19 jets with the Soviet tooling it received in the 1950s, and also has a limited number of later MiG-21 interceptors. The Chinese might be able to apply some of the advanced technology from MiG-23s to their own aircraft industry.

Sources said the Chinese also may be anxious to learn about MiG-23 characteristics because they could face both the ground attack and interceptor versions in a clash with the Soviet Union.

The U.S. F-15 fighters Taiwan owns are considered an even or better match for China's MiG-21s. But they are out as capable as MiG-23s, which can fly 600 miles on combat missions and return home-making Taiwan an easy reach.



MASHHAD: Iranian troops and tanks move toward a group of anti-Shah demonstrators recently outside the home of Ayatollah Shirazi in Mashhad. Protests continued Saturday (see story page one).

## Light plant is burden

## Cleveland salvage plan hits complications

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 23 (Agencies)—A last-minute snag threatened to undermine a compromise plan approved by the City Council to save Cleveland from bankruptcy.

Cleveland, the largest city in Ohio and the 17th largest in the United States, defaulted last weekend on repaying \$15.5 million owed to six local banks.

The council has adopted a compromise plan by Mayor Dennis Kucinich to hold a referendum on increasing the city payroll tax by half and selling the debt-ridden municipal light plant.

But the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, which two years ago offered \$158.5 million for the plant, says that in the meantime the plant's system has deteriorated. It is not clear whether it still wants it, or at what price.

And city finance director Joseph Tegreene said the two measures approved by the city council are not enough to satisfy bankers holding the defaulted loans. He said the banks insist that revenue from an ex-

isting one per cent payroll tax be pledged on the loans that are now a week overdue.

Mayor Dennis Kucinich told a news conference later he agreed with Tegreene and would call the council back into session Dec. 26 to pledge the present payroll tax against the

bank loans.

Kucinich said if the council and the banks agree, he could cancel about 75 per cent of the 2,000 city employee layoffs he ordered earlier to take effect Jan. 2.

The measure calling for a vote on selling the plant, ap-

proved by a 27-6 margin, proposes that the city consummate the sale of the plant for \$158.5 million within 60 days or negotiate the sale to anyone within the next 120 days at an agreeable price.

By a 32-1 margin the panel passed the other measure, authorizing a referendum on whether Cleveland residents want half a percentage point added to their current payroll tax, a measure Kucinich estimates would raise \$38 million extra next year.

Cleveland became the first major city since the depression of the 1930s to default on a major debt when Kucinich and the council could not agree on a pay-out plan acceptable to the banks.

Although the city could face bankruptcy early in 1979, Ohio Gov. James Rhodes has said he does not think the state legislature, which reconvenes Jan. 2, will let that happen.

## OAS postpones meeting on Chile-Argentina feud

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (R)—The Organization of American States (OAS) has postponed a debate on the threat of war over the Beagle Channel dispute while a Vatican envoy mediates between Argentina and Chile.

Chile called Friday for an emergency meeting of the OAS, claiming the dispute over the group of tiny islands in the channel could cause war with Argentina.

Chilean Ambassador Pedro Daza accused Argentina of trying to provoke Chile into a war and asked the OAS to

seek a peaceful solution to the 100-year-old conflict.

But Argentinian representative Julio Cesar Carasales told an emergency meeting of the OAS Permanent Council that the Beagle Channel issue should not be debated at the OAS while both countries are still negotiating an agreement.

Both Argentina and Chile have agreed to a proposal by Pope John Paul II to mediate in the dispute. A Vatican envoy will shortly travel to Argentina and Chile to seek a solution to the conflict.

## Pretoria agrees to U.N. talks on Namibia

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 23 (AP)—South Africa announced readiness Saturday to resume talks with the United Nations on U.N. supervised elections leading to the independence of Southwest Africa (Namibia) by the end of September.

South African Foreign Minister Roelof F. Botha in a letter transmitted Friday night and made public Saturday told U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim that leaders of Southwest Africa elected last week had agreed to seek international recognition for the territory's independence through U.N. supervision of pre-independence elections.

He said he and Prime Minister Pieter W. Botha had reached the agreement with the leaders in Windhoek, Southwest Africa, and wanted Waldheim to send his special representative to Southwest Africa.

The foreign minister said Waldheim should send his representative back to Namibia to settle all the questions by Jan. 31.

It is recognized that the South African administrator general should be in charge during the transition but that the U.N. representative should have a veto on his election arrangements.

## Fogbound Heathrow shuts down

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Flights due to land at Heathrow Airport had to be diverted Saturday because of thick fog.

Visibility was less than 100 yards, and flights were diverted to Shannon in Ireland, Prestwick in Scotland and Manchester in northern England.

Hundreds of holiday passengers spent the night sleeping in airport lounges when their flights were postponed.

## Political clashes

## 21 killed in south Turkey rioting

ANKARA, Dec. 23 (R)—Twenty-one people were killed and at least 150 injured in rioting in southern Turkey Saturday, Turkish Radio reported.

Local news agencies said right-wing crowds seized control of two districts of the town Kahramanmaraş, 500 kilometers from Ankara.

The rioting followed inci-

dents in the town Friday in which three people were killed when right-wingers tried to stop a funeral procession for left-wing teachers shot dead in separate incidents.

Fahsin Soylu, governor of Kahramanmaraş, was quoted by the radio as saying that troops had been moved in from nearby towns.

Interior Minister Irfan Ozaydinli and Gendarme Com-

mander Gen. Sedat Celasun were flying to the trouble spot.

A number of fires were reported burning in the riot areas.

Reports reaching Ankara said large numbers of rightists, wearing masks, attacked the homes and business premises of left-wing sympathizers.

Several buildings were badly damaged, including the local offices of the ruling Republican Peoples' Party.

## From page one

## Vance

Brzezinski attacked in a related development the Soviet Communist Party daily newspaper "Pravda" Saturday published an attack on U.S.

presidential adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, accusing him of trying to ensure American global superiority.

The commentary, issued by

Tass news agency took up remarks made by Brzezinski in an address to the U.S. Foreign Policy Association.

The chairman of the National Security Council had talked of strengthening U.S. military power to uphold American interests at the same time as working toward strategic arms limitation, the commentary said.

The overall tone of the speech "hardly leaves any doubt about the regional and global concepts that are being hatched in quarters close to the present U.S. leadership," it said.

"Interference based on superior U.S. strength—that is the leitmotif of the thesis

outlined by Brzezinski.

"Here are frank claims to impose on other peoples in any part of the world orders suitable to American imperialism, including by armed force," the commentary said.

The commentary, also published in other central Soviet newspapers Saturday said that when Brzezinski talked of ensuring that regional conflicts did not get out of control, he meant out of American control.

The official Soviet media made no comment Saturday on the reported breakthrough at the Geneva SALT talks.

In the latest Soviet comment indicating extreme suspicion of American and Chinese motiva-

es in normalizing their relations, "Pravda" published a cartoon on the theme of "the anti-Soviet Chinese card."

A Tass commentary Friday night compared American and West European deals with China to the appeasement of Adolf Hitler in the 1930s.

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taka state Chief Minister Devraj Urs sent a message to Singh describing him as a "bold and courageous man."

The three Jaat Party chief ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan and the Janata-allied Sikh chief minister of Punjab attended the rally, although Desai had made clear his displeasure over their appearance.

tion near the cockpit," he said. Trawler men who witnessed the disaster said they thought the plane's engines were still firing when it crashed, discounting earlier speculation that it had stalled on final approach.

None of the survivors, who were all sitting in the central section, was in critical condition but some were suffering from broken bones, hospital officials said.

Most of the dead, who included two passengers provisionally identified as English and French, were found to have suffered multiple fractures, they said.

The skipper of one trawler, the Nuovo Pacifico, which was fishing about 200 yards from

the spot where the jet hit the water, said he couldn't understand how any one got out at all.

"It went down so fast," the trawler skipper said, adding that no one had time to put on a life jacket.

There were emotional scenes as anxious relatives waited in the airport for news and then rushed to the port to watch as the 21 survivors were landed.

Punta Raisi Airport, walked on two sides by steep mountains and bordering the Mediterranean, has long been a target of criticism from pilots who maintain that its installations are not adequate.

An Alitalia DC-8 airliner

slammed into a mountainside there in 1972 killing all 115 passengers on board.

The International Pilot Federation (Iaipa) classified the airport as "deficient" in a report only last year. Among inadequacies listed was the absence of adequate sea rescue facilities.

But there was no suggestion Saturday that the crash was caused because of airport installations.

The crash area was Saturday buoyed off to navigation as the Italian navy prepared to send in a submarine and position a specially equipped vessel to recover the wreckage.

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